

# DEATH OF



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# DEATH OF X

CONSIDERED TO BE THE NEXT STEP IN HUMAN EVOLUTION, MUTANTS DISCOVER THEIR HERITAGE AT PUBERTY, WHEN THEY MANIFEST SUPERHUMAN POWERS AND ABILITIES. BUT RATHER THAN BEING CELEBRATED FOR THEIR GIFTS, MUTANTS ARE HATED AND FEARED.

THOUSANDS OF YEARS AGO ALIENS EXPERIMENTED ON CAVEMEN, SUPERCHARGING THEIR EVOLUTION, AND THEN MYSTERIOUSLY LEFT THEIR EXPERIMENTS BEHIND. THESE MEN AND WOMEN--CALLED "INHUMANS"--BUILT THE CITY OF ATILAN AND DISCOVERED A CHEMICAL CALLED TERRIGEN THAT UNLOCKS SECRET SUPER-POWERS IN THEIR MODIFIED DNA. BLACK BOLT UNLEASHED THE TERRIGEN MISTS ACROSS THE PLANET IN THE HOPE OF AWAKENING LATENT INHUMANS WORLDWIDE.

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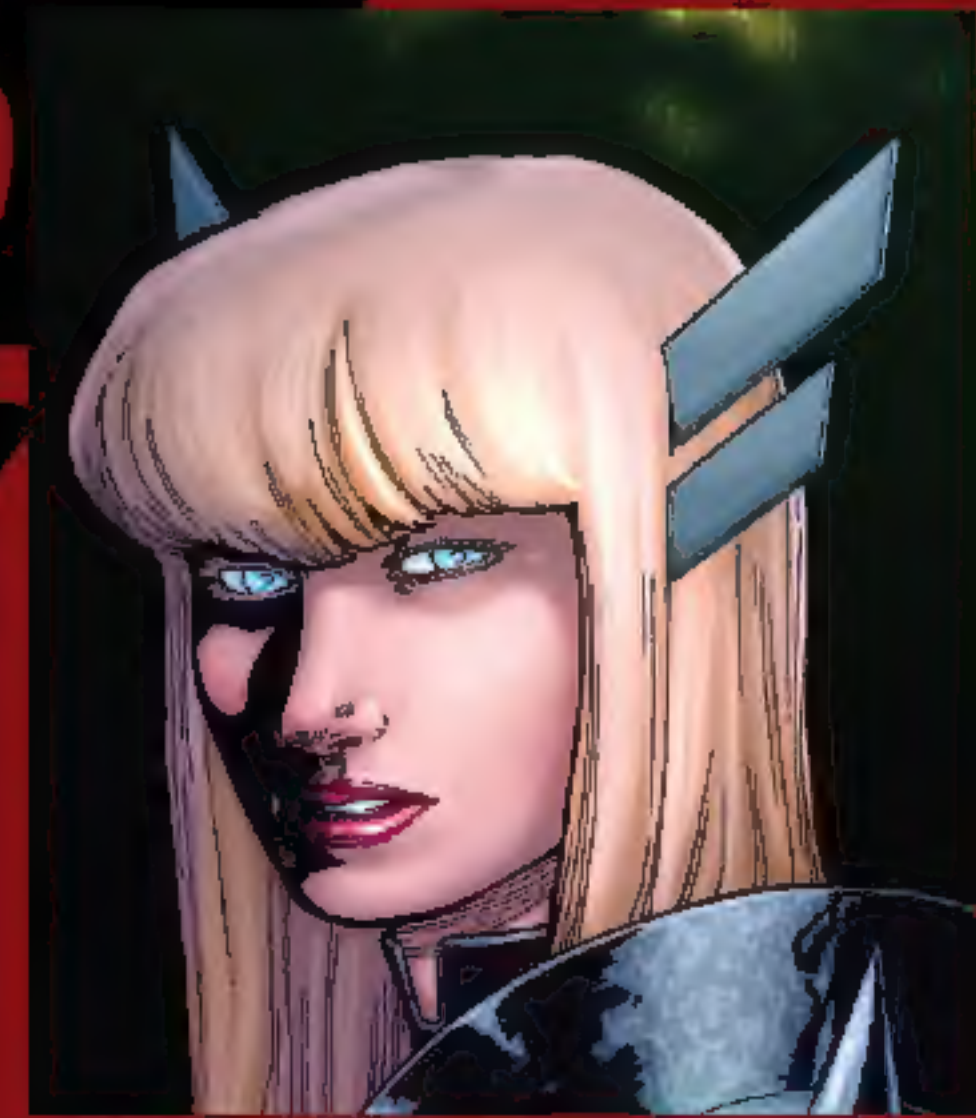
# MUTANTS



CYCLOPS



EMMA FROST



MAGIK



ICEMAN



STEFFORD CUCKOOS



GOLDBALLS

# INHUMANS



CRYSTAL



GORGON



GRID



FLINT



NAJA



ISO



**SOMEWHERE OVER  
THE ATLANTIC OCEAN.**

**ONE YEAR AGO.**

KZZT--MADE A  
TERRIBLE MISTAKE.  
WE NEVER SHOULD  
HAVE STAYED. NOW I  
THINK IT MAY BE TOO  
LATE. WE NEED HELP!  
PLEASE! WE  
NEED--KZZT--

**BLACKBIRD--  
HI-TECH JET OF  
THE UNCANNY  
X-MEN.**

THAT'S  
IT, THAT'S  
THE ENTIRE  
MESSAGE?

THAT'S IT,  
EMMA. WE  
INTERCEPTED IT  
AN HOUR AGO  
AND SCANS CONFIRM  
THE DISTRESS CALL  
CAME FROM  
MUIR ISLAND.

SOUNDED  
LIKE MADROX'S  
VOICE TO ME.

IT WAS  
DEFINITELY JAMIE  
MADROX'S VOICE,  
MAGIK, BUT I'VE  
NEVER HEARD  
HIM SOUND  
SO...

SO WHAT,  
ICEMAN?

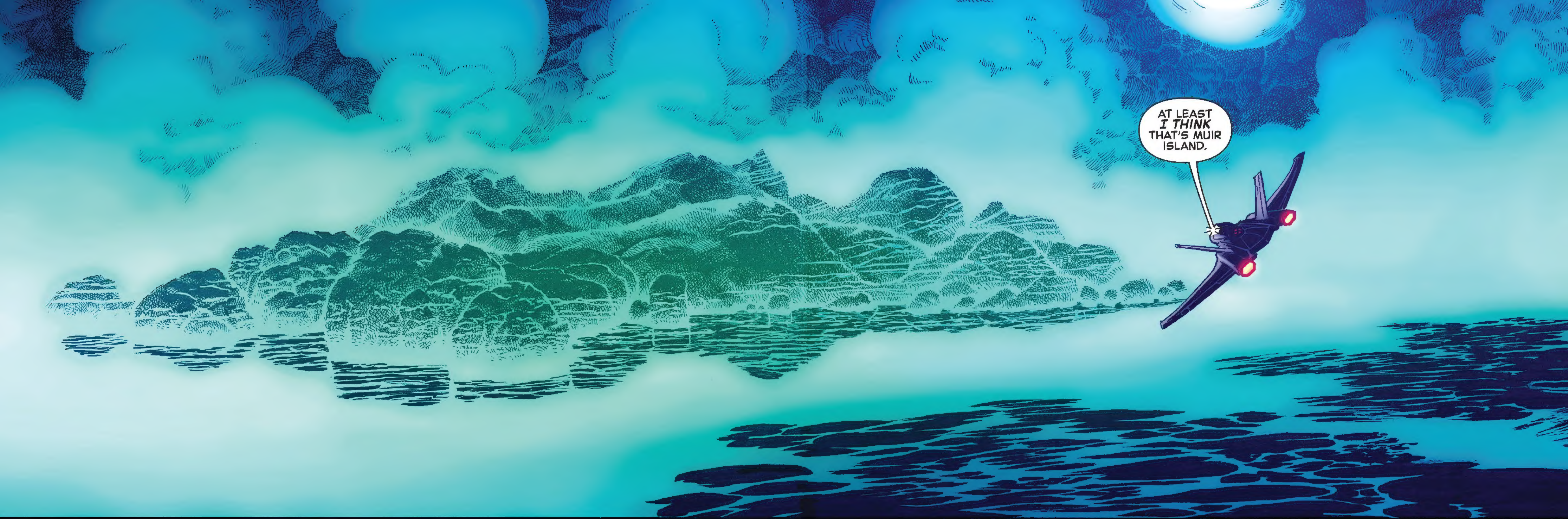
SO  
SCARED.

UM...ARE YOU  
GUYS SURE I  
SHOULD BE ON THIS  
MISSION? SOUNDS  
KIND OF OUT OF  
MY LEAGUE.

WE COULDN'T  
AGREE MORE,  
GOLDBALLS.

PLAY NICE,  
GIRLS. AND  
HEADS UP, WE ARE  
APPROACHING  
MUIR ISLAND...





AT LEAST  
I THINK  
THAT'S MUIR  
ISLAND.



**MATSUMOTO,  
JAPAN.**

AH...  
LOOK AT  
THAT.  
BEAUTIFUL.



**THE RIV--  
AERIAL HQ OF  
THE UNCANNY  
INHUMANS.**



THE TERRIGEN CLOUD SHOULD HIT MATSUMOTO IN ABOUT FIFTEEN MINUTES.

SOME OF THE RESIDENTS TEMPORARILY EVACUATED TO OTHER PARTS OF THE PREFECTURE, BUT MOST DECIDED TO STAY. ABOUT TWO HUNDRED THOUSAND.



SO EIGHTY PERCENT OF THE ORIGINAL POPULATION. THAT'S GOOD NEWS, CRYSTAL. SIX MONTHS AGO, WE WERE GETTING NEAR-FULL EVACUATIONS.



IT'S BETTER THAN THAT, GORGON-- WHEN I CHANGED IN MUMBAI, PEOPLE **PANICKED** AS THAT CLOUD ROLLED THROUGH.

BUT ACCORDING TO THE RIV'S SENSORS, IT'S ALL VERY CALM DOWN THERE.



"A LOT OF PEOPLE ARE ACTUALLY **EXCITED** FOR THE CLOUD TO HIT. THEY'RE **WAITING** FOR IT."



WELL,  
OF COURSE,  
GRID.

WE'LL WANT  
TO GET DOWN  
THERE SOON.

THE JAPANESE  
GOVERNMENT HAS  
ASKED US TO OFFER  
ANY AID THESE PEOPLE  
MIGHT REQUIRE AS  
THEIR INHUMAN  
ABILITIES EMERGE.

TWO HUNDRED  
THOUSAND...THAT  
MEANS ABOUT TWENTY  
PEOPLE SHOULD HAVE  
ENOUGH INHUMAN DNA  
TO COCOON UP WHEN  
THE T-CLOUD  
HITS.



I'LL DIVE DOWN  
THERE RIGHT NOW! I  
LOVE THIS PART. IT'S  
ALWAYS AMAZING  
TO WATCH.

SURE, NAJA.  
BUT FIRST, LET ME  
SAY SOMETHING.

WE'VE BEEN  
WORKING SO HARD  
THESE PAST FEW MONTHS  
TO TEACH HUMANITY TO  
ACCEPT US, AND ACCEPT  
THAT SOME OF  
THEM ARE US.

AND SO, I WANT  
TO **THANK YOU.**  
WHAT WE'RE DOING...IT'S  
WORKING. THE PEOPLE  
IN THAT PARK LOOK  
AT THAT CLOUD...

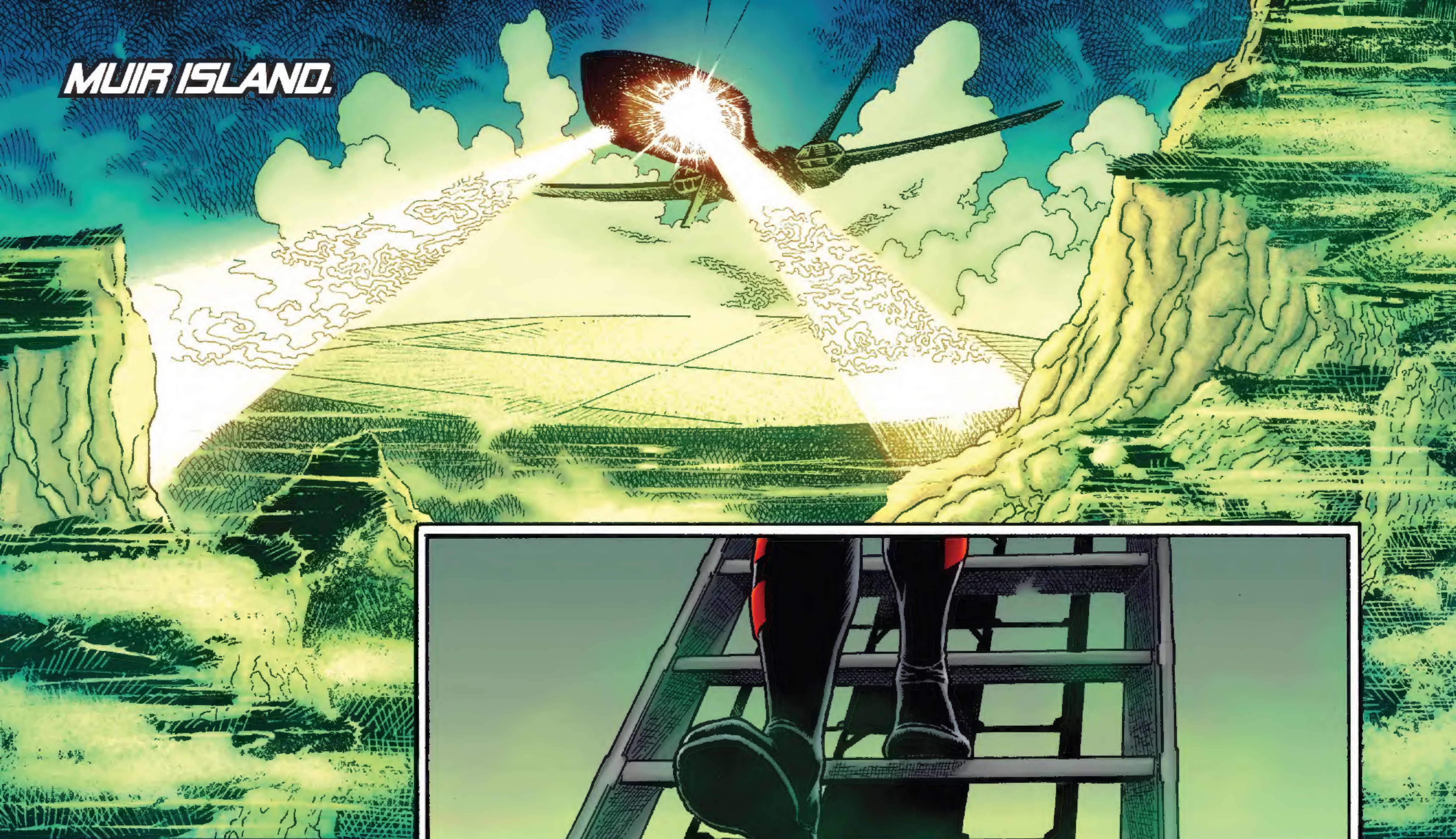


"...AND THEY  
SEE HOPE."



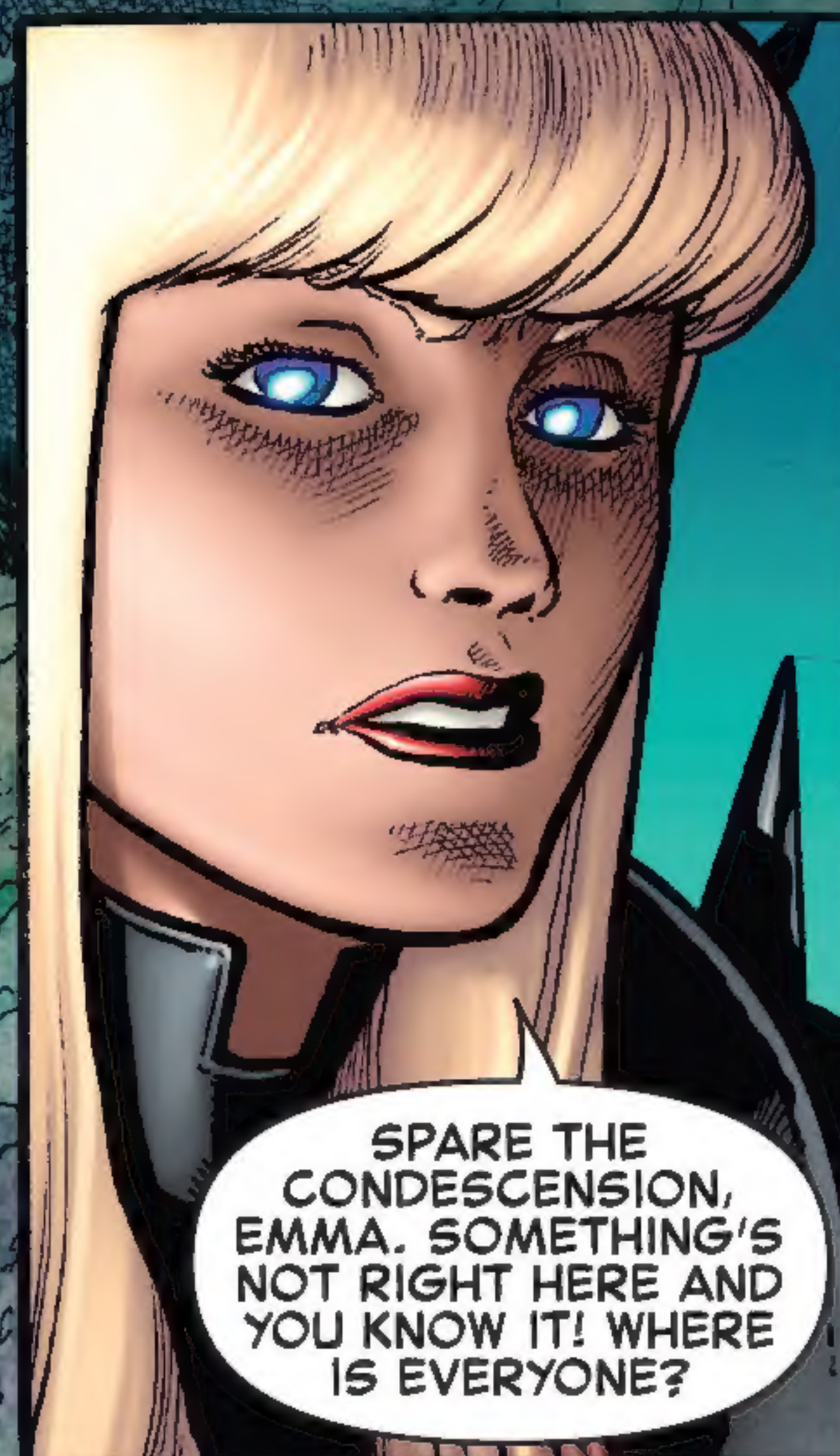


MUIR ISLAND.



SCOTT, THIS GAS, SHOULD WE--

IF YOU'RE **SCARED**, ILLYANA, YOU CAN ALWAYS STAY IN THE BLACKBIRD WITH THE OTHER CHILDREN.



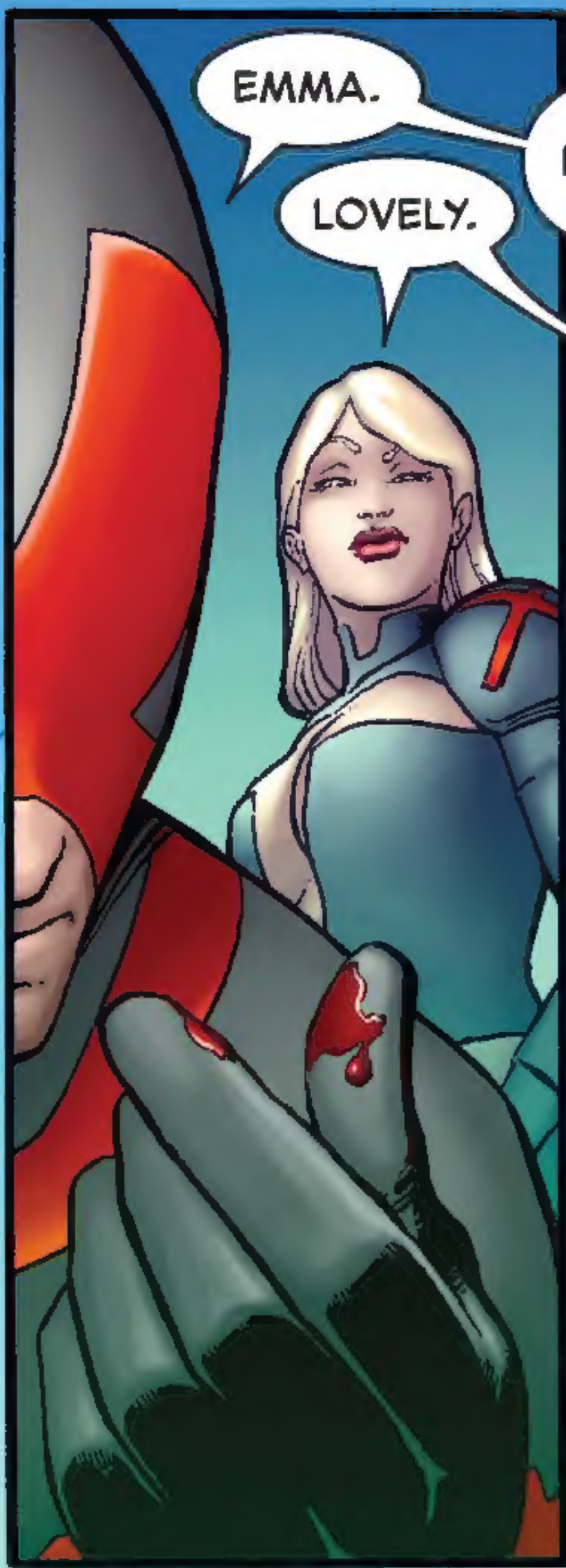
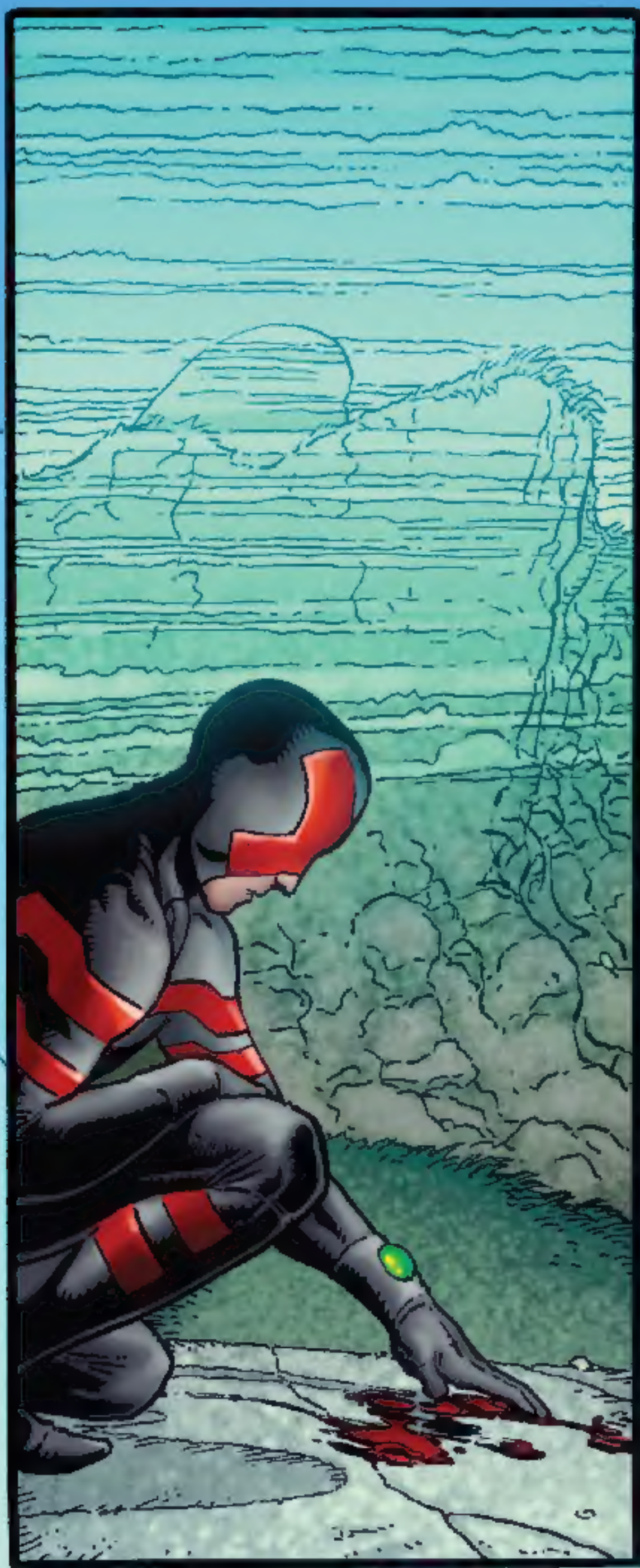
SPARE THE CONDESCENSION, EMMA. SOMETHING'S NOT RIGHT HERE AND YOU KNOW IT! WHERE IS EVERYONE?



WHATEVER THIS STUFF IS, I'M STARTING TO FEEL PRETTY GROSS.





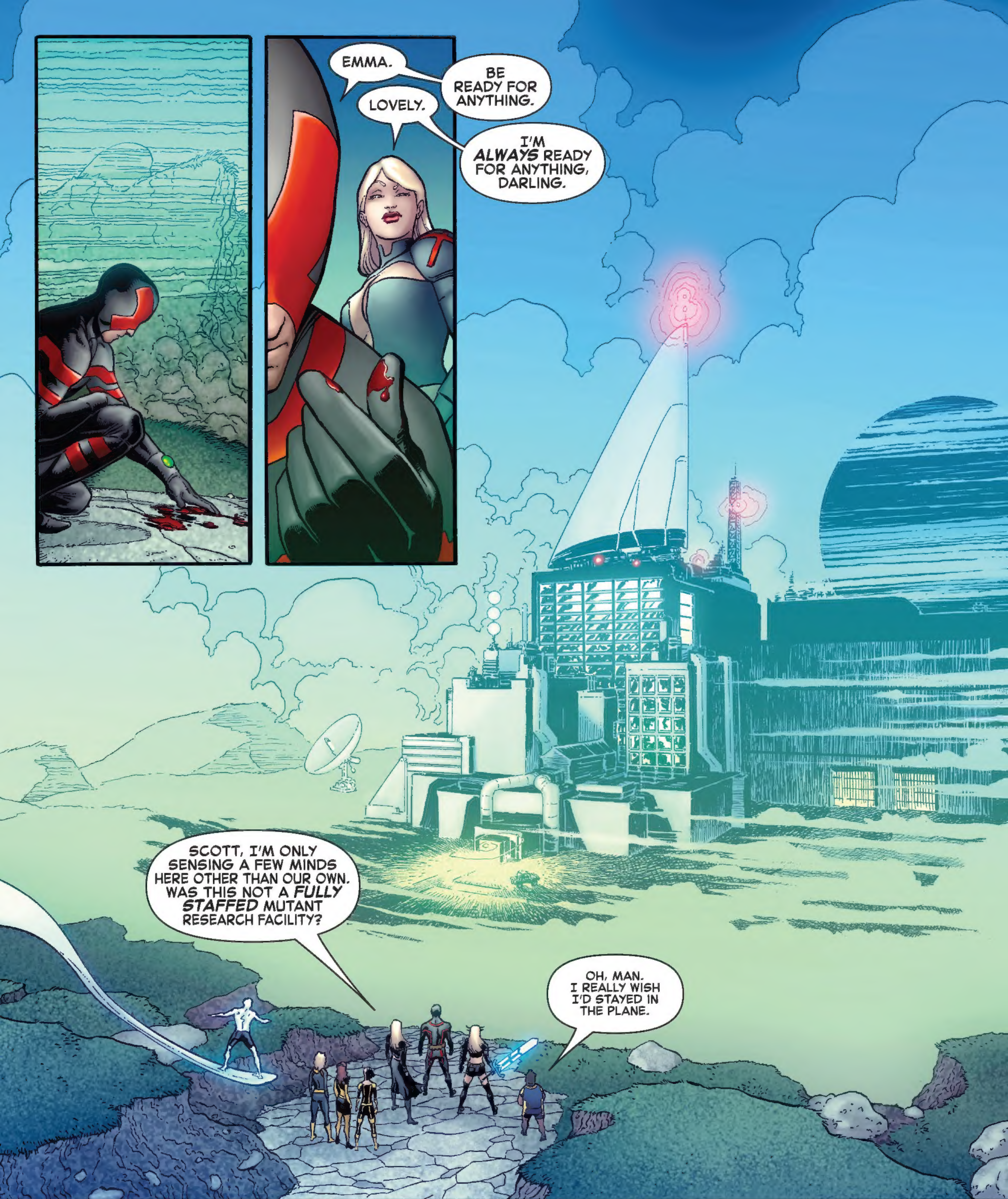


EMMA.

LOVELY.

BE  
READY FOR  
ANYTHING.

I'M  
ALWAYS READY  
FOR ANYTHING,  
DARLING.



SCOTT, I'M ONLY  
SENSING A FEW MINDS  
HERE OTHER THAN OUR OWN.  
WAS THIS NOT A **FULLY  
STAFFED** MUTANT  
RESEARCH FACILITY?

OH, MAN.  
I REALLY WISH  
I'D STAYED IN  
THE PLANE.



?COUGH? STAFFED  
BY MADROX MOSTLY.  
JUST HIM, HIS MULTIPLE  
SELVES, AND A SKELETON  
CREW OF MEDICAL AND  
SCIENTIFIC STAFF--  
?COUGH? ?COUGH?

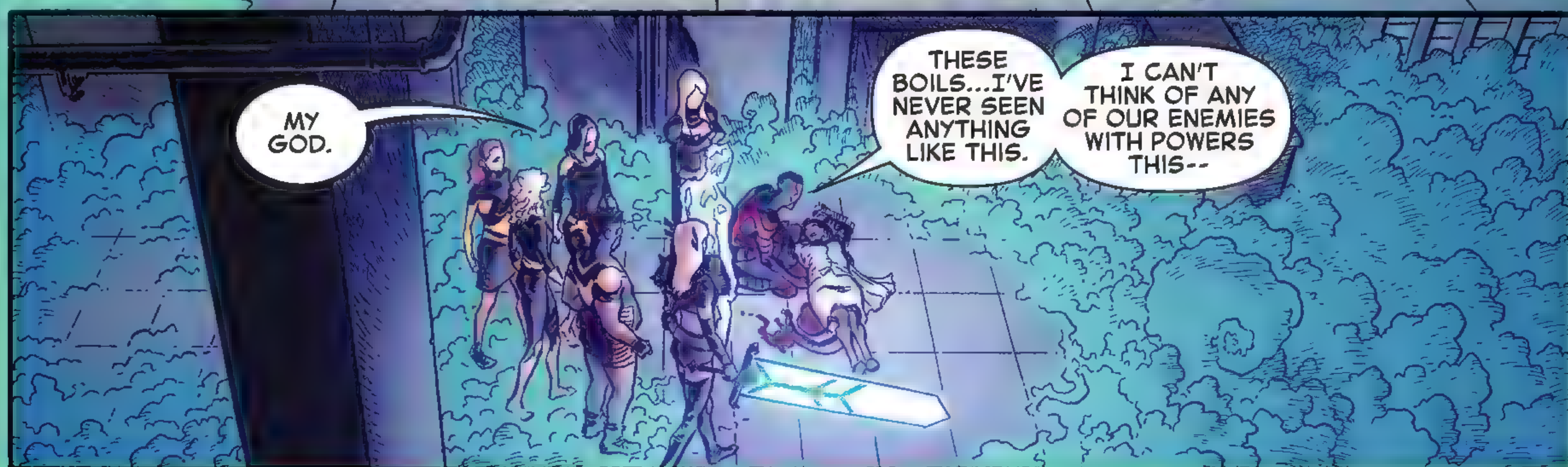
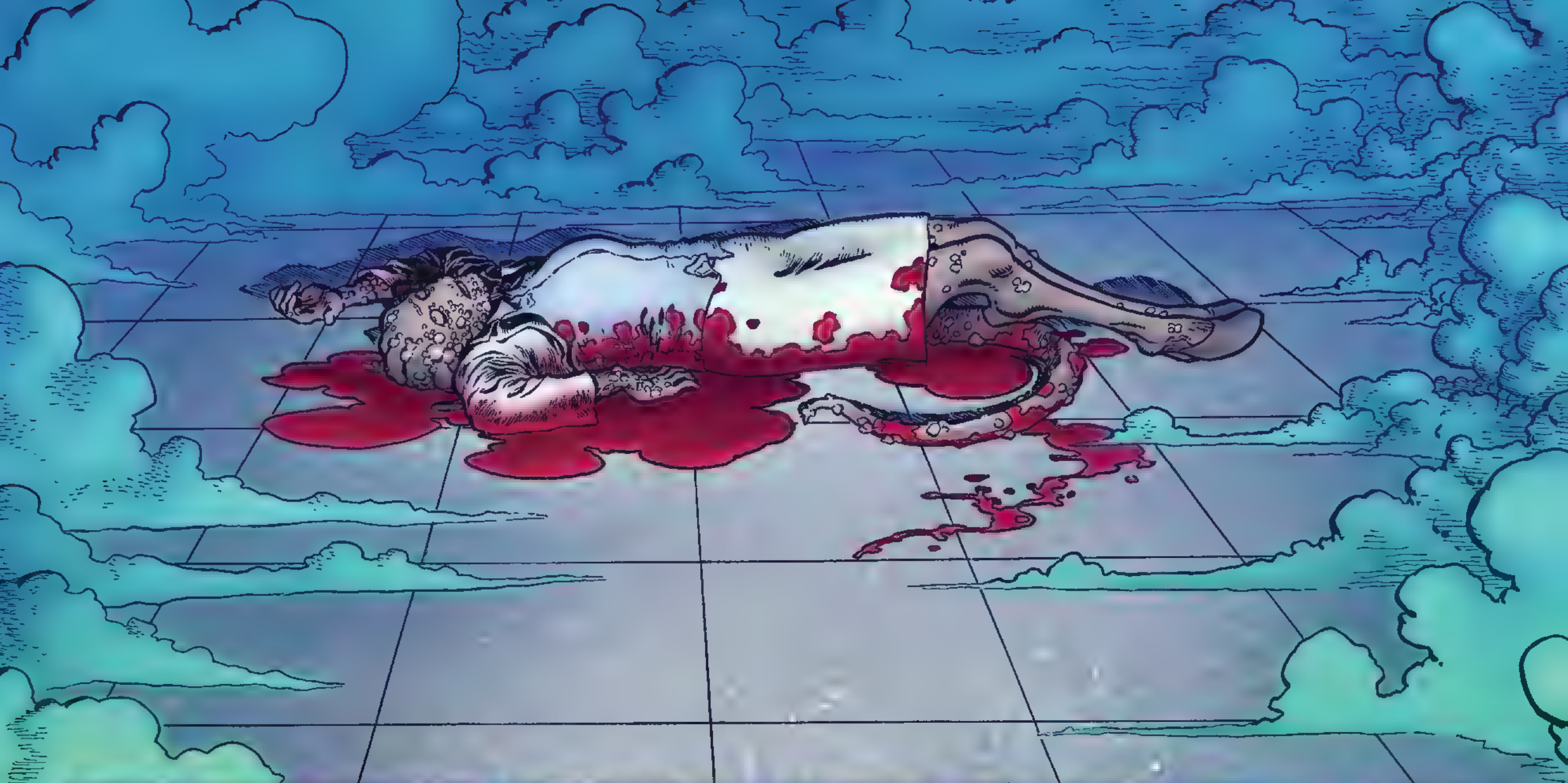
SCOTT?

I--I'M  
FINE.



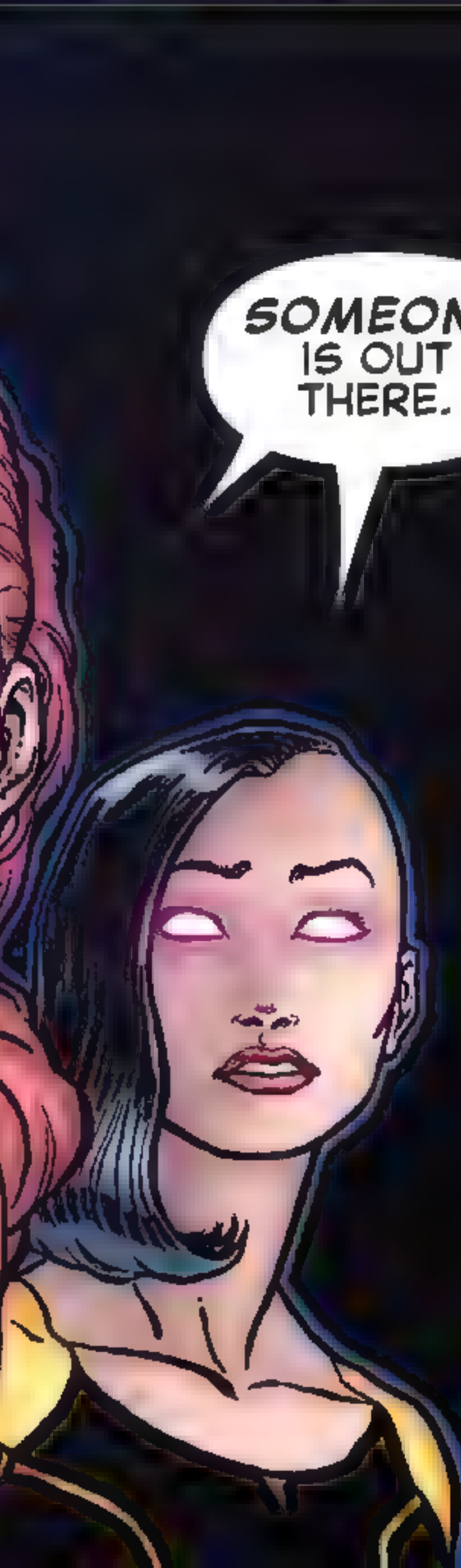
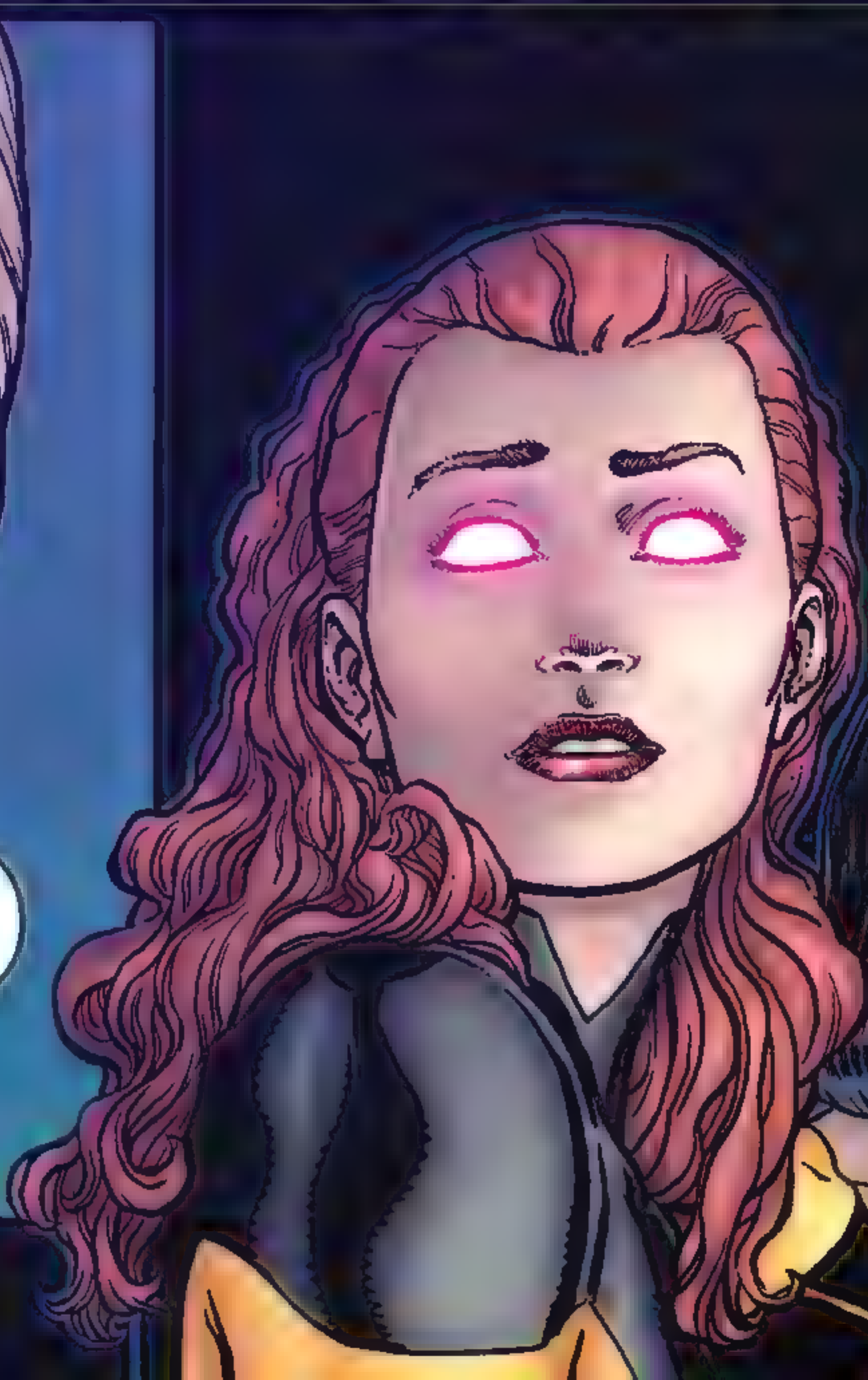
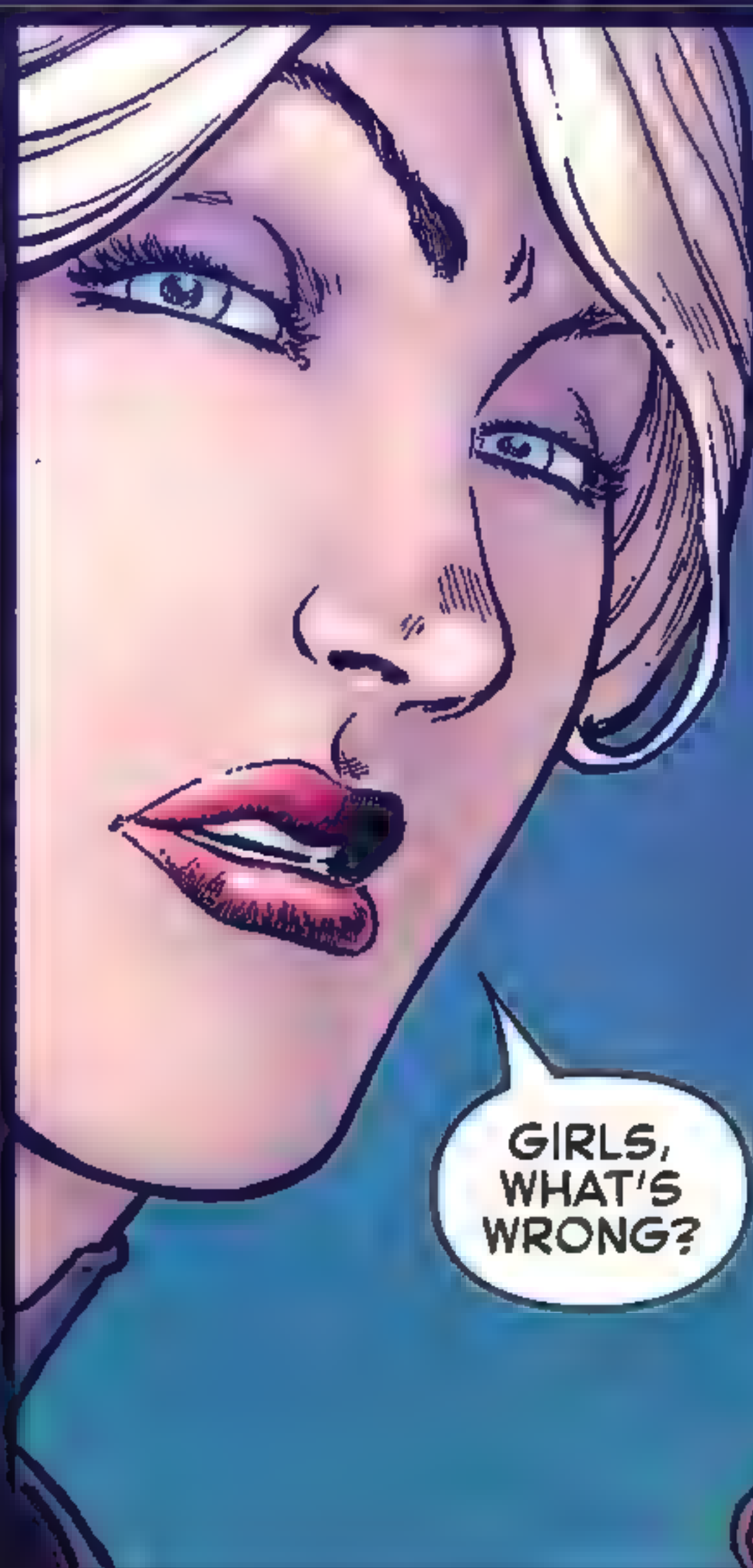




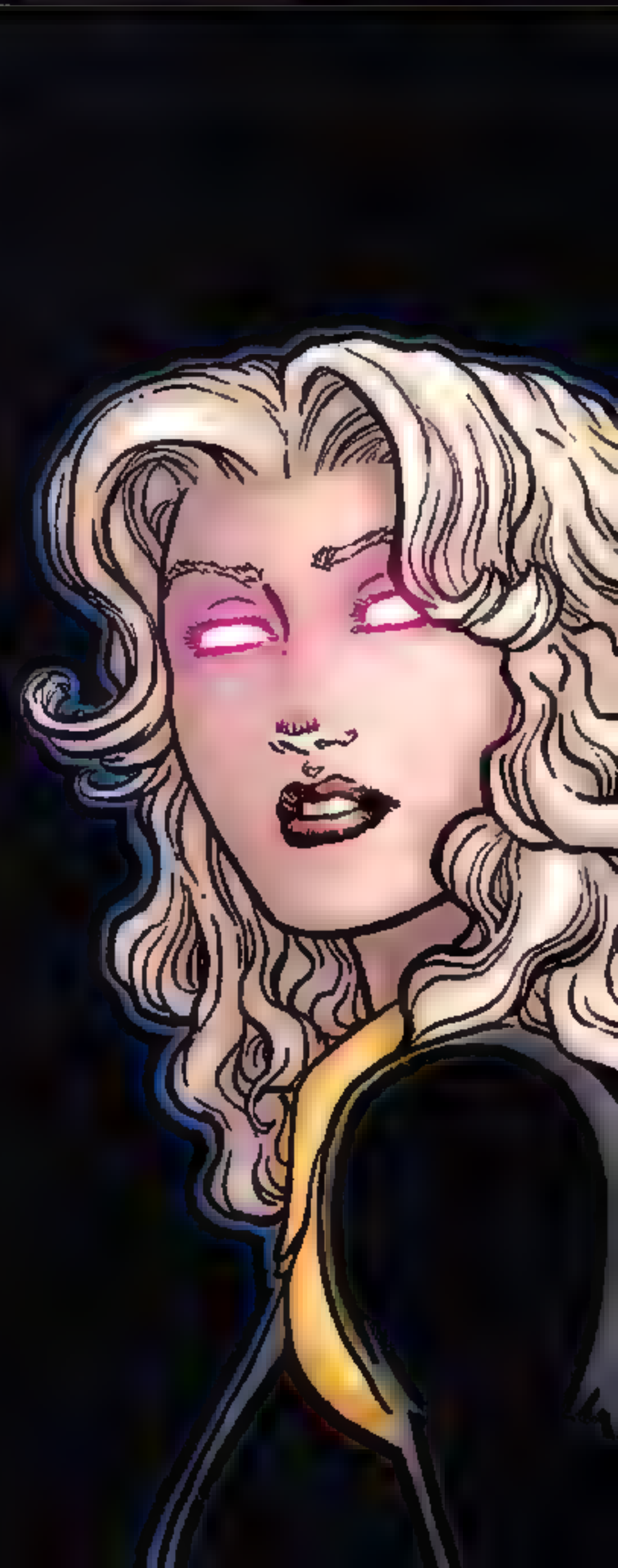


WE NEED TO FIND OUT **WHAT** DID THIS. WE SHOULD GO THROUGH THE LAB, CHECK THEIR WORK AND THE COMPUTERS. SEE WHAT WE CAN FIND.

AND WE MUST LOCATE MADROX.



SOMEONE IS OUT THERE.





**JAPAN!**

LOOKS LIKE  
WE'VE GOT  
ONE. TERRIGEN  
COCOON,  
IN THE PARK.

GOOD.  
WE'LL SECURE  
IT.

SECOND SQUAD,  
SPREAD OUT AND  
SEARCH. THE CLOUD  
PROBABLY GOT TO  
JUST ABOUT  
EVERYONE.

THERE ARE  
BOUND TO BE  
MORE COCOONS,  
SCATTERED  
THROUGHOUT  
THE CITY.

WE WANT TO  
GATHER UP ALL  
THE COCOONS  
BEFORE THEY HATCH.  
TERRIGEN EXPOSURE  
CREATES SOME  
UNPREDICTABLE  
RESULTS.

IT'LL BE EASIER  
TO HANDLE THEM  
WHEN THEY'RE STILL  
DORMANT. GET  
THEM BACK TO  
THE LABS FOR  
TESTING.

ALL RIGHT,  
THAT'S IT.  
MOVE QUICKLY. WE  
PROBABLY DON'T  
HAVE A LOT OF  
TIME TO GET  
THIS DONE.

AND  
ABOVE ALL  
ELSE...









KRA

GET AWAY FROM OUR PEOPLE.

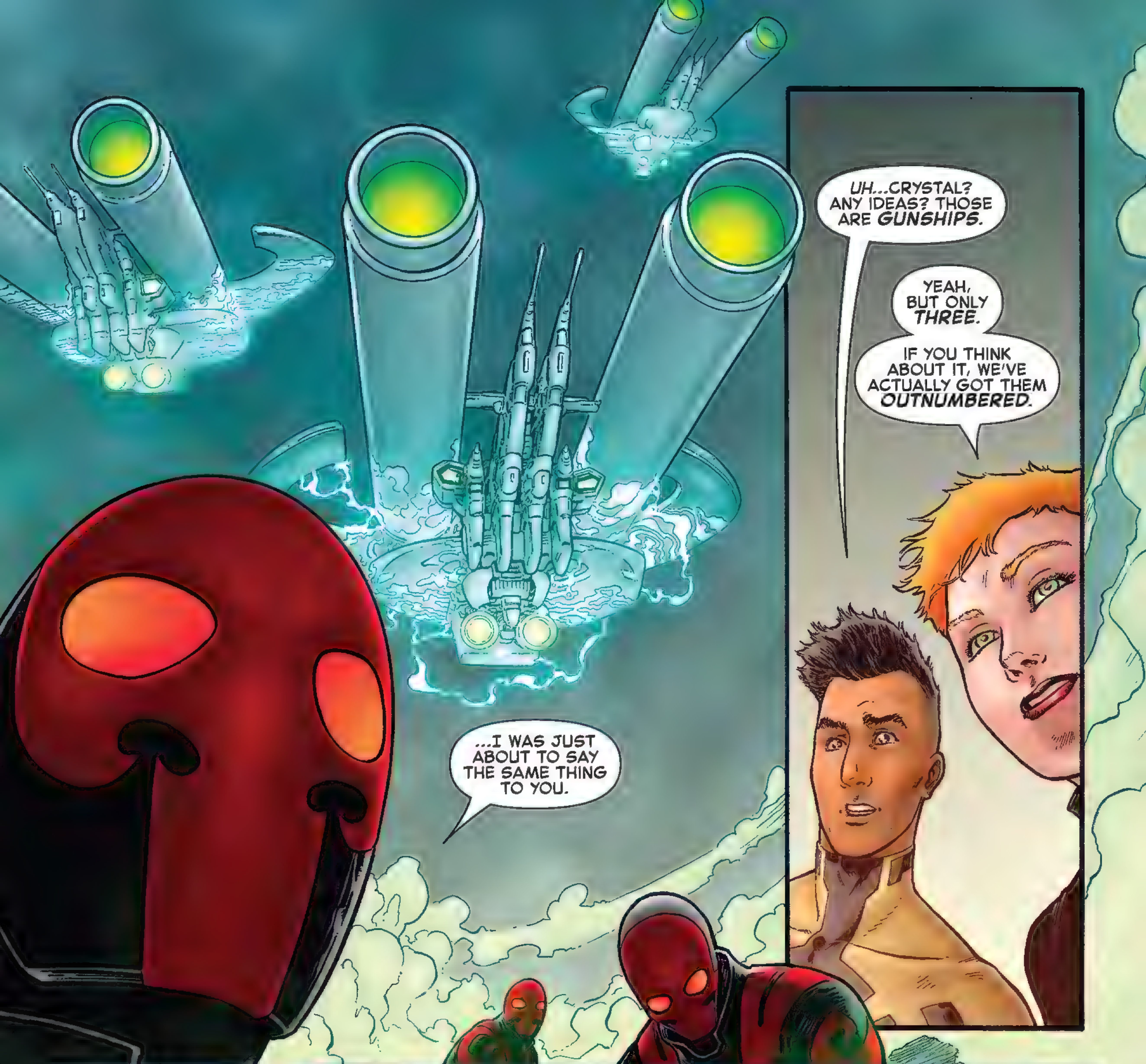
YOU HAVEN'T HURT ANYONE YET, AND SO I WILL GIVE YOU ONE CHANCE.

IT WON'T COME AGAIN.

LEAVE, OR DIE.

HEH. YOU KNOW, IT'S FUNNY...



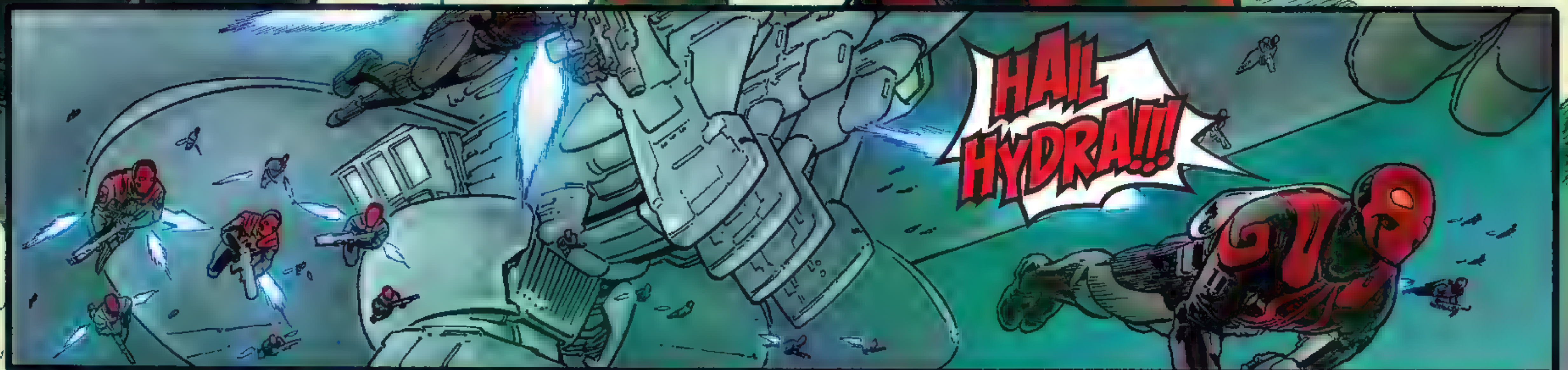


...I WAS JUST ABOUT TO SAY THE SAME THING TO YOU.

UH...CRYSTAL? ANY IDEAS? THOSE ARE GUNSHIPS.

YEAH, BUT ONLY THREE.

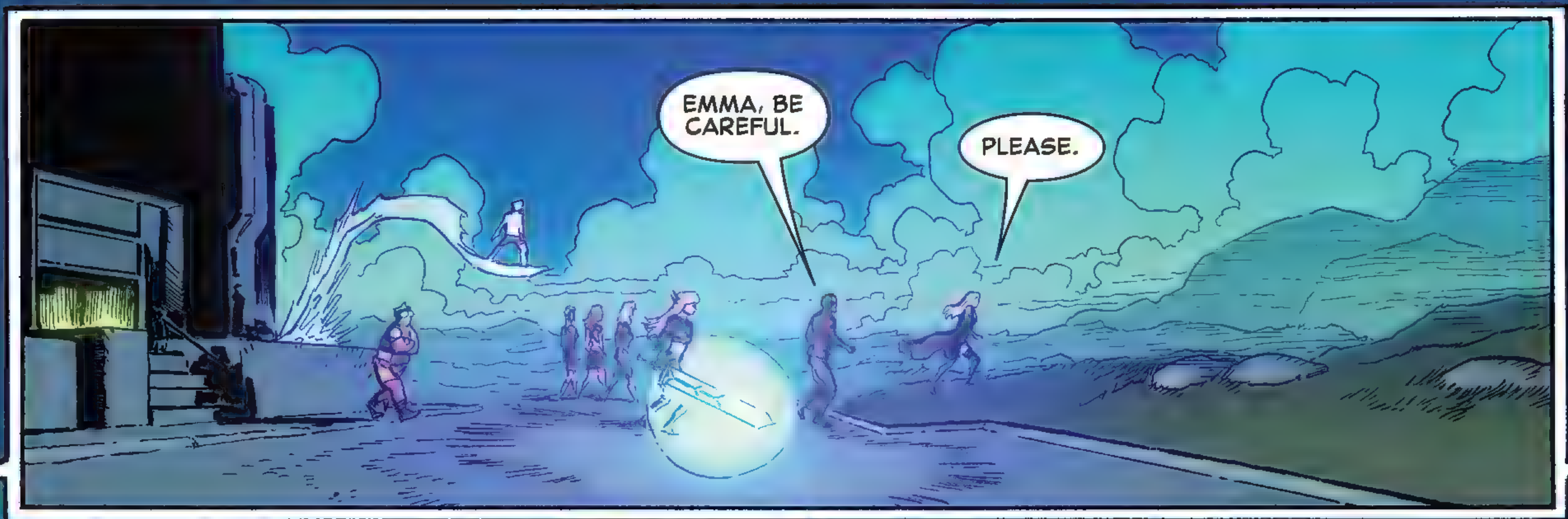
IF YOU THINK ABOUT IT, WE'VE ACTUALLY GOT THEM OUTNUMBERED.



OUTNUMBERED? LISTEN, CRYSTAL, I LIKE YOU...

...BUT WHO TAUGHT YOU HOW TO COUNT?





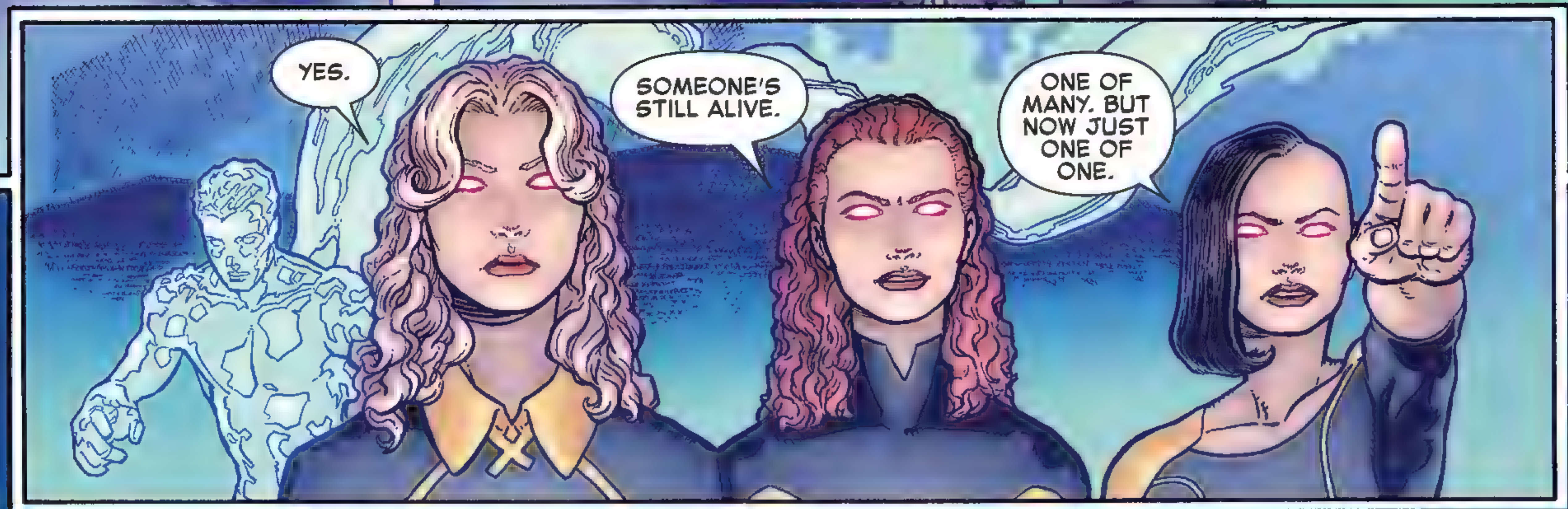
EMMA, BE CAREFUL.

PLEASE.



NO, SOMETHING IS **VERY** WRONG HERE. I THINK WE SHOULD GO. THIS WHOLE ISLAND IS A TOMB!

SHUSH! I'M THINKING. GIRLS, DO YOU--



YES.

SOMEONE'S STILL ALIVE.

ONE OF MANY. BUT NOW JUST ONE OF ONE.



WELL DONE, GIRLS.

EMMA, WAIT, WE DON'T--

NO. HERE, JUST AHEAD...

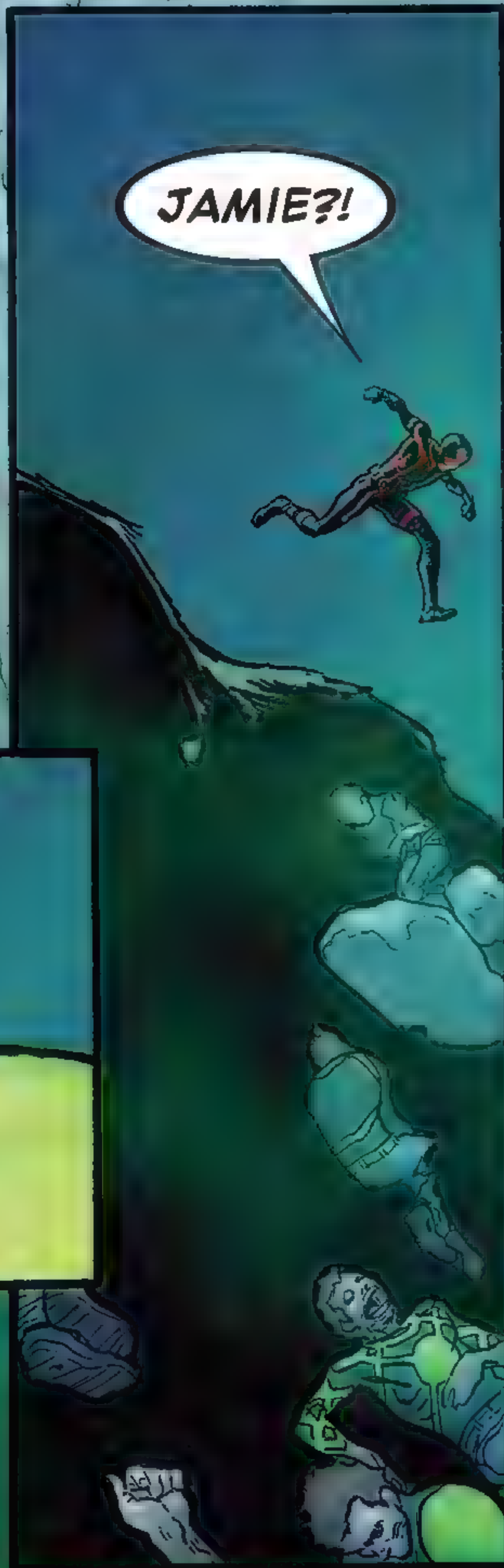




MADROX!



C-CYCLOPS---  
H-HELP ME...



JAMIE?!



IT'S ME,  
SCOTT. THE  
ORIGINAL. I--  
ALL OF MY  
DUPES, THEY--

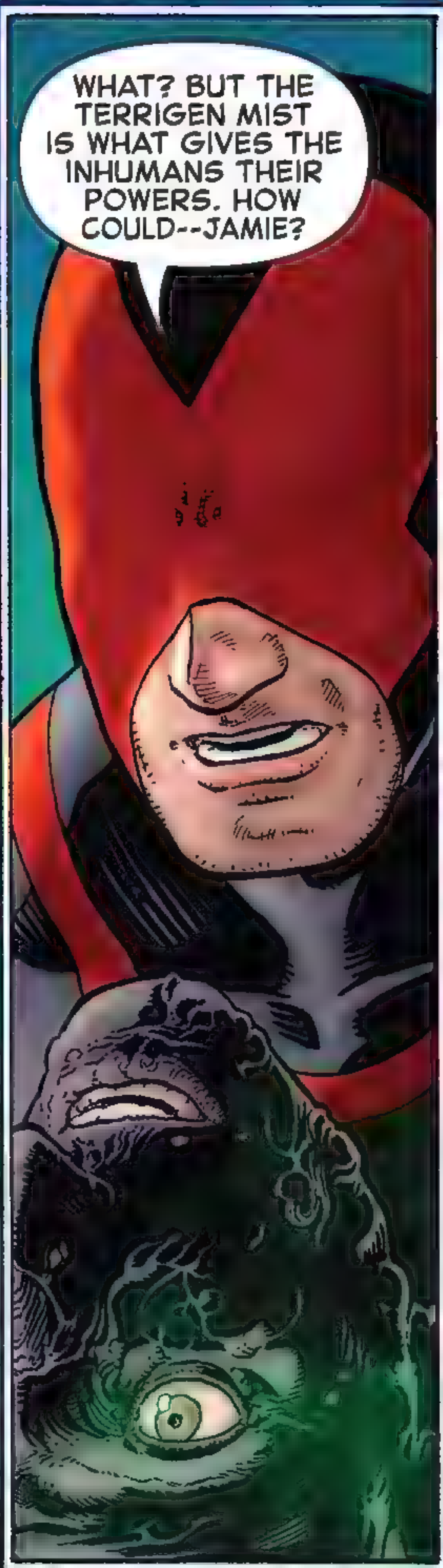
I KNOW. IT'S  
GOING TO BE  
OKAY, JAMIE. WE  
ARE GOING TO GET  
YOU OUT OF HERE.  
WHAT HAPPENED,  
JAMIE? WHO DID  
THIS TO YOU?



NO,  
YOU DON'T  
UNDERSTAND,  
SCOTT...

THE MIST...IT'S  
THE **TERRIGEN**  
**MIST**. WE--WE FIGURED  
IT OUT WAY TOO LATE.  
THE **TERRIGEN**  
**MIST** DID THIS.



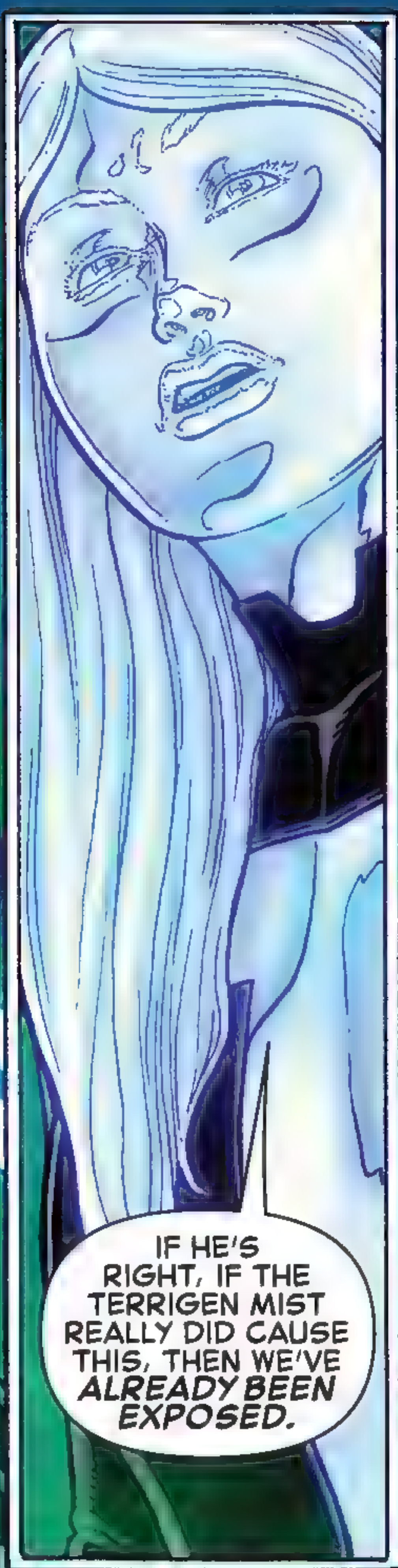


WHAT? BUT THE TERRIGEN MIST IS WHAT GIVES THE INHUMANS THEIR POWERS. HOW COULD--JAMIE?

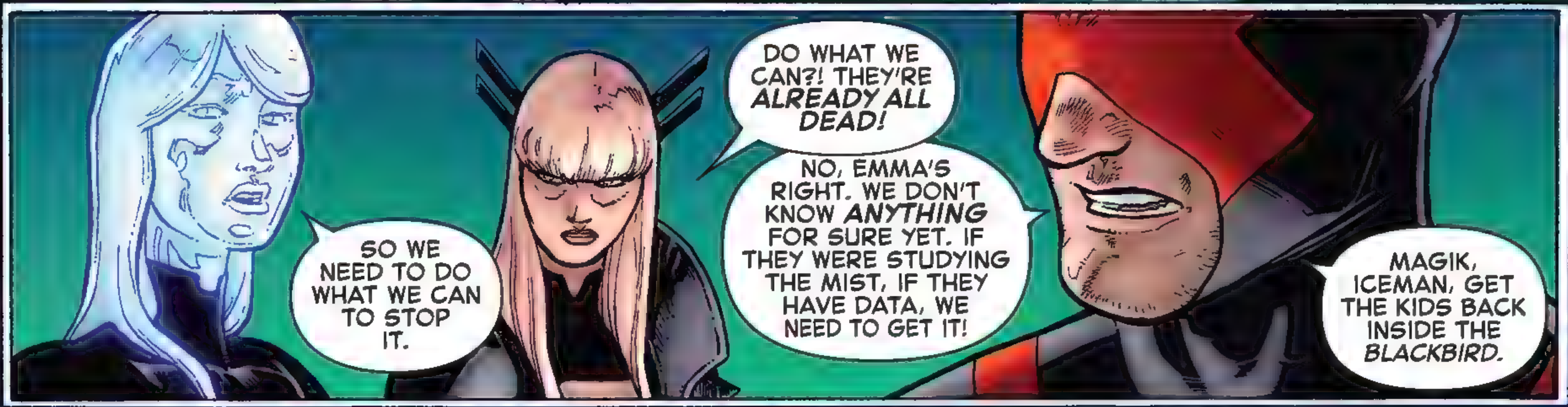


JAMIE? WAKE UP! JAMIE!

HE'S GONE, SCOTT.



IF HE'S RIGHT, IF THE TERRIGEN MIST REALLY DID CAUSE THIS, THEN WE'VE ALREADY BEEN EXPOSED.



SO WE NEED TO DO WHAT WE CAN TO STOP IT.

DO WHAT WE CAN?! THEY'RE ALREADY ALL DEAD!

NO, EMMA'S RIGHT. WE DON'T KNOW ANYTHING FOR SURE YET. IF THEY WERE STUDYING THE MIST, IF THEY HAVE DATA, WE NEED TO GET IT!

MAGIK, ICEMAN, GET THE KIDS BACK INSIDE THE BLACKBIRD.



EMMA--

I'M WITH YOU, SCOTT.





SCOTT?  
YOU'RE THE LAST  
PERSON I EXPECTED  
TO CALL...ESPECIALLY  
FROM MUIR  
ISLAND.

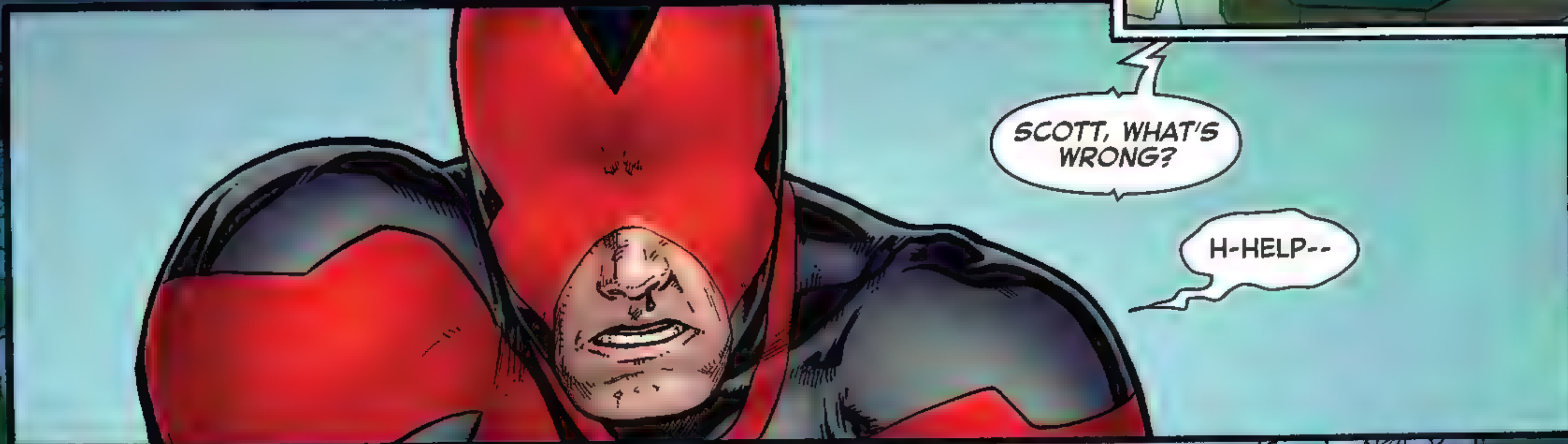
HANK, JAMIE IS...  
**EVERYONE HERE IS  
DEAD.** I'M SENDING YOU  
EVERYTHING IN THEIR  
DATABASES. JAMIE SAID  
THE TERRIGEN MIST  
HAS SOMETHING TO  
DO WITH IT.

THE TERRIGEN?!  
MY GOD, SCOTT,  
THIS DATA--I'M JUST  
GETTING A CURSORY  
GLANCE, HERE. I NEED  
TO RUN MY OWN  
TESTS, BUT...



HANK, WE  
NEED TO BE ONE  
HUNDRED PERCENT  
SURE BEFORE--  
B-BEFORE WE--

SCOTT?



SCOTT, WHAT'S  
WRONG?

H-HELP--



SCOTT!





HOW DO WE FIGHT THEM, CRYSTAL?! NAJA'S OUR ONLY FLYER, AND SHE CAN'T BEAT THEM ALL.

I CAN SURE AS HELL TRY, GRID.

JUST HOLD ON! WE'LL FIND A WAY.

ISO! ANY IDEAS?

I'M TRYING. THEIR ARMOR'S PROTECTING THEM FROM MY PRESSURE BLASTS, AND THEY'RE MOVING TOO FAST FOR ME TO GET INSIDE THEIR HEADS AND KNOCK THEM OUT.

I'M SORRY, I JUST...I JUST DON'T HAVE ANYTHING.



ALL RIGHT THEN. NAJA--GET UP THERE. TRY TO CREATE SOME CHAOS. BUT BE CAREFUL.

FLINT, THROW UP SOME ROCKS FOR ME. HIGH AS YOU CAN, RIGHT AT THE NEAREST RANK OF HYDRA.



CHAOS. I CAN DO THAT.

THROW SOME ROCKS? DOESN'T SHE HAVE EARTH POWERS? IT'S TAKING ALL I'VE GOT TO HOLD THIS SHIELD!

JUST DO YOUR BEST, FLINT. THAT'S ALL SHE'S ASKING.



FWW  
SSH



HA! IT WORKED! SUN-HOT METEORS, ON DEMAND!

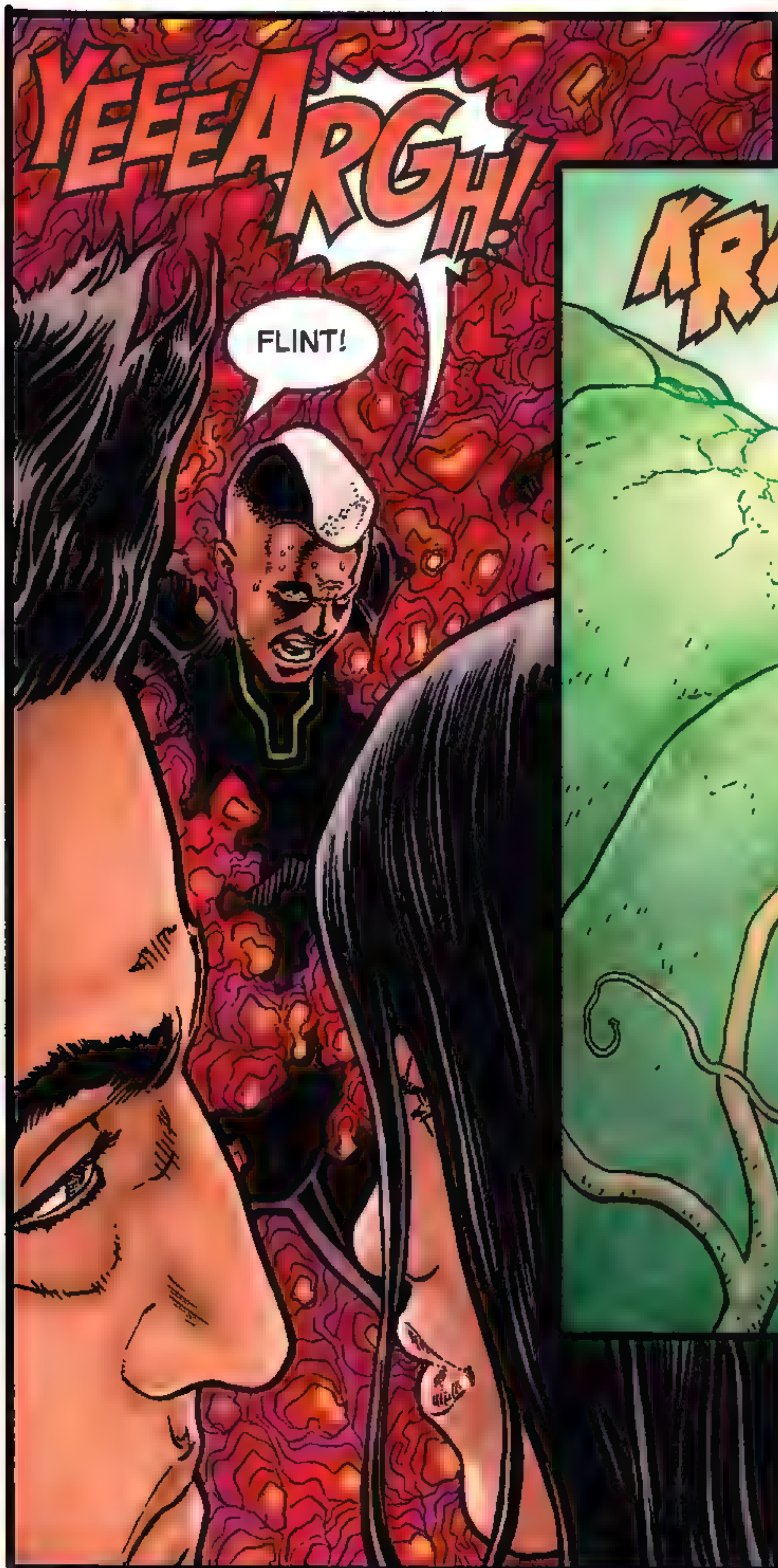
GET READY, FLINT--LET'S TRY THAT ONE AGA--

AGH!  
KRACK

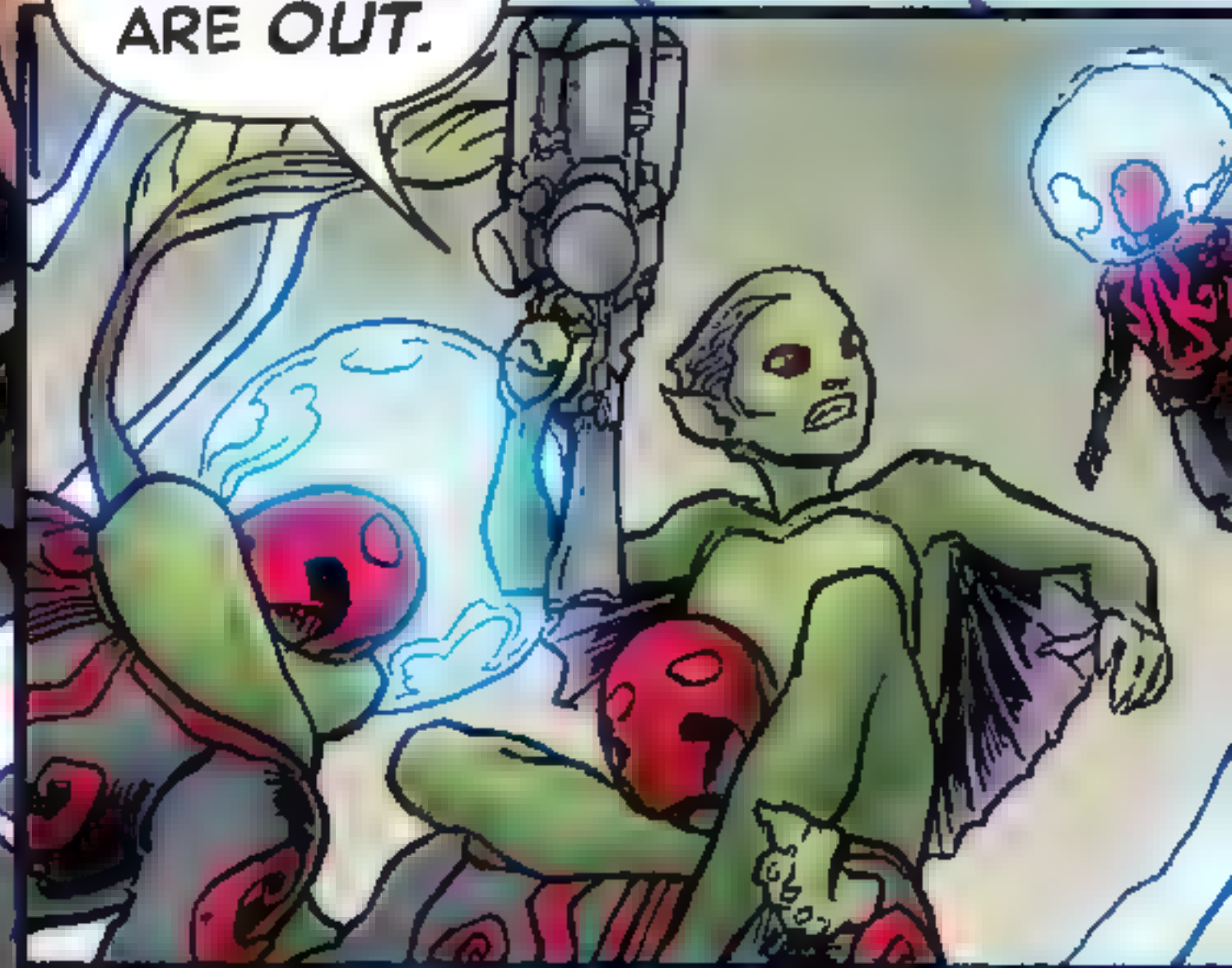
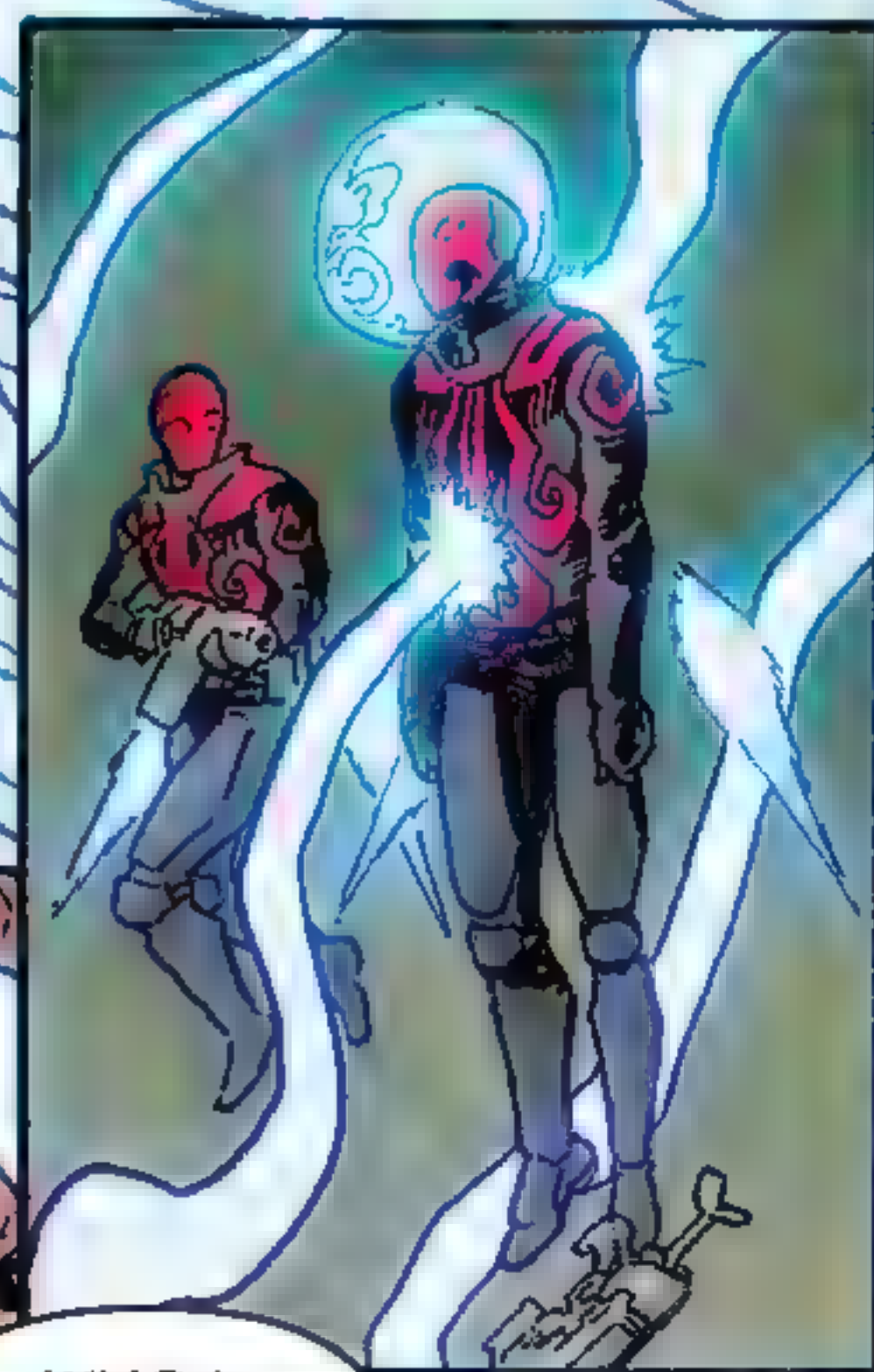
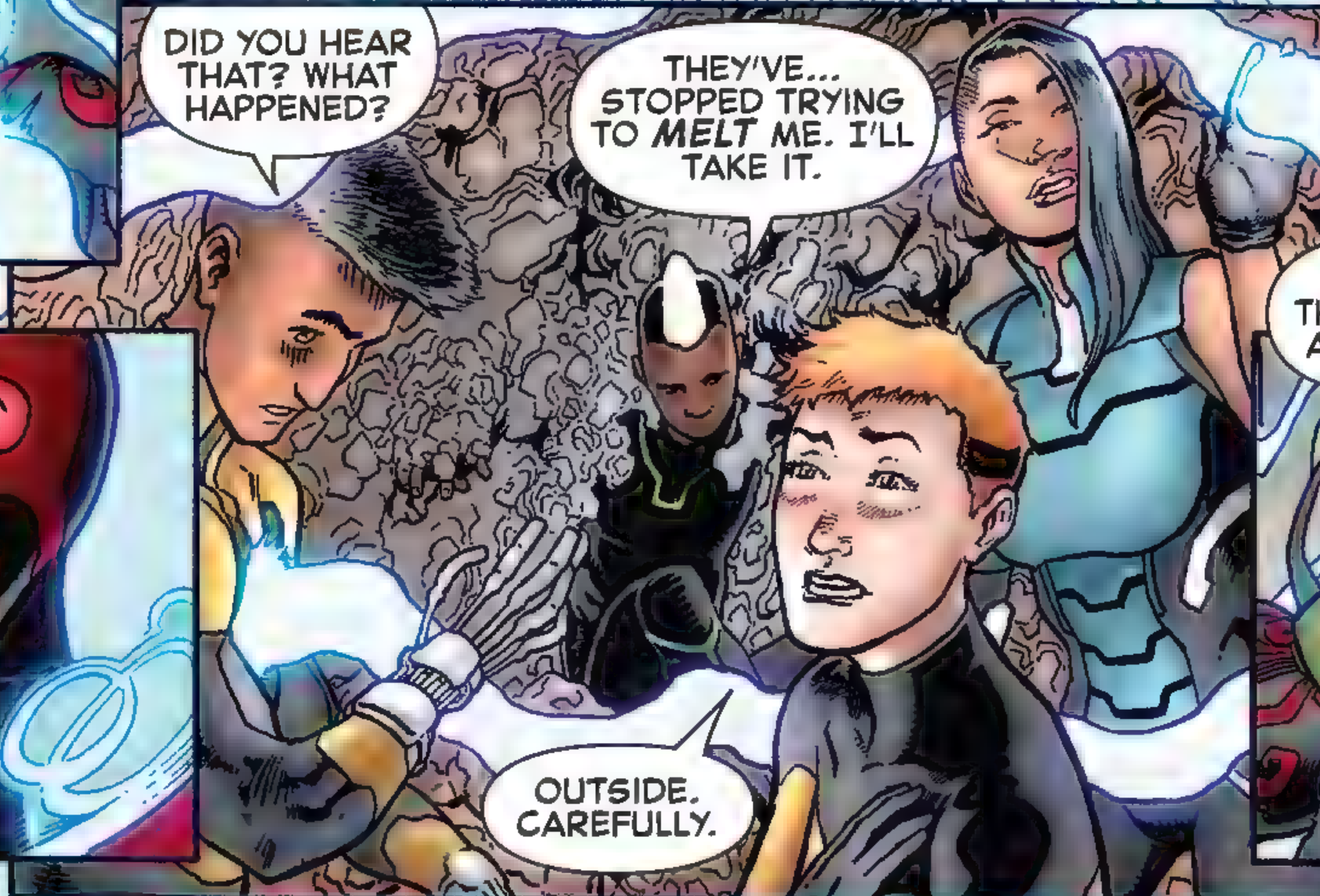
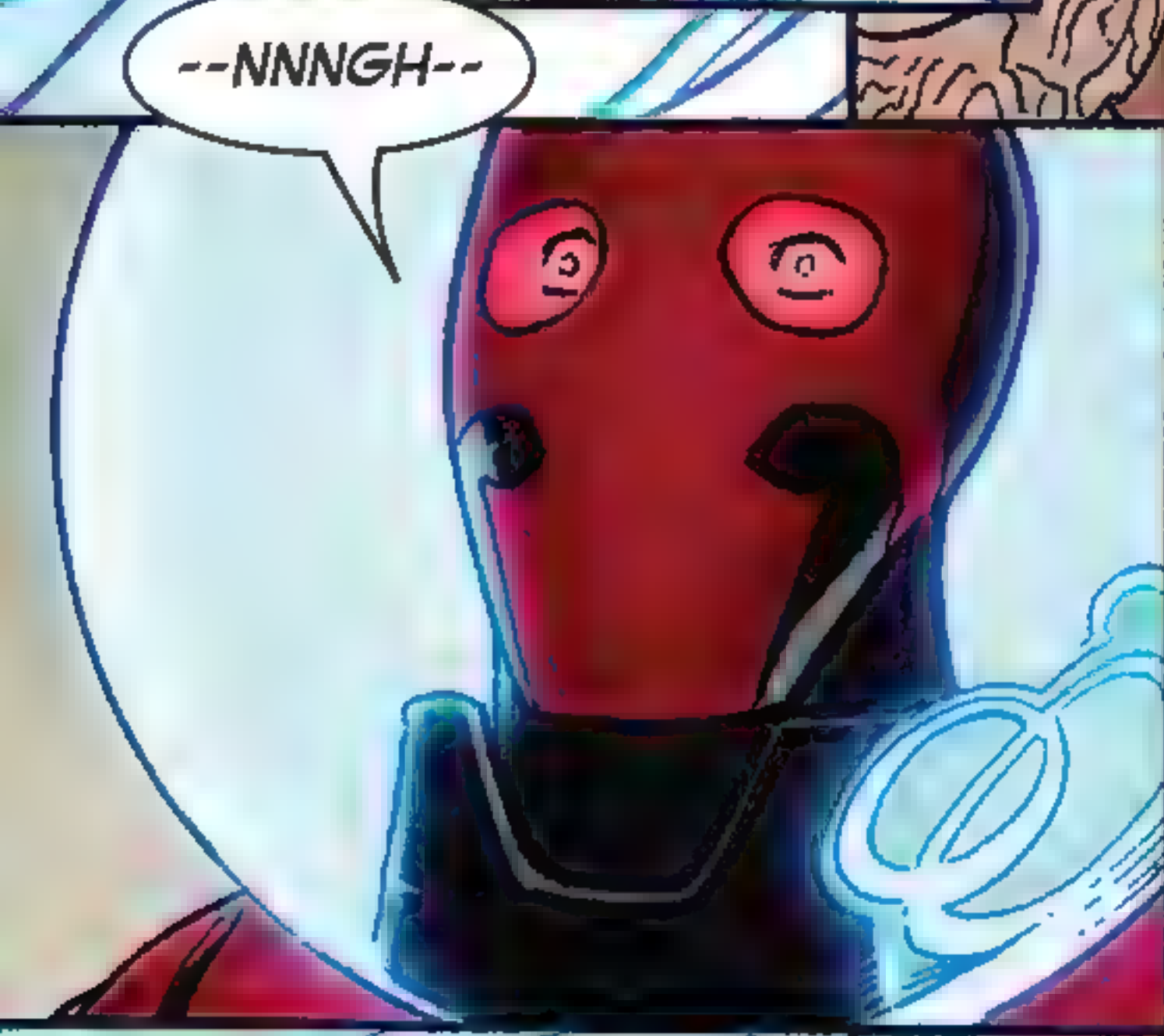
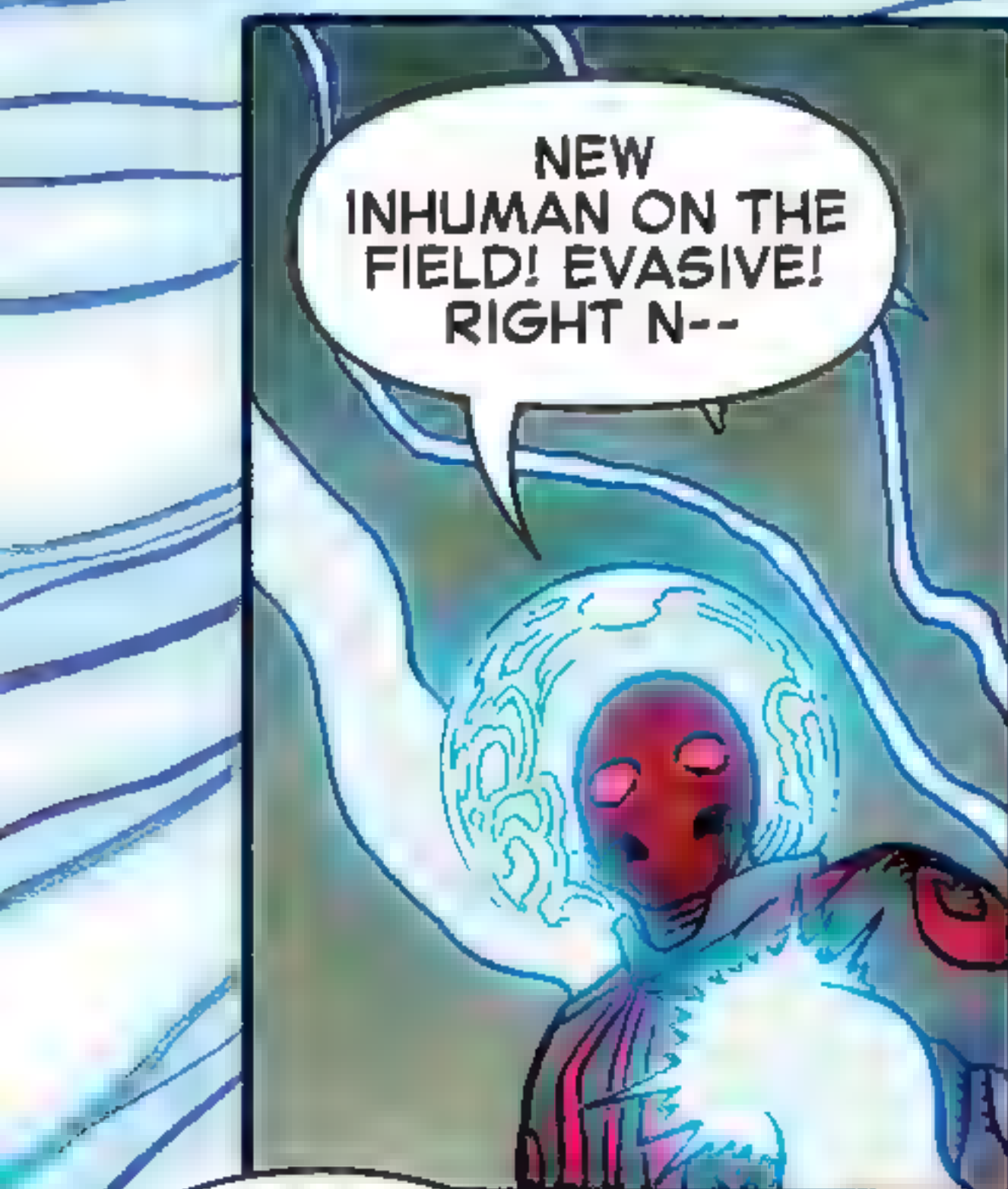
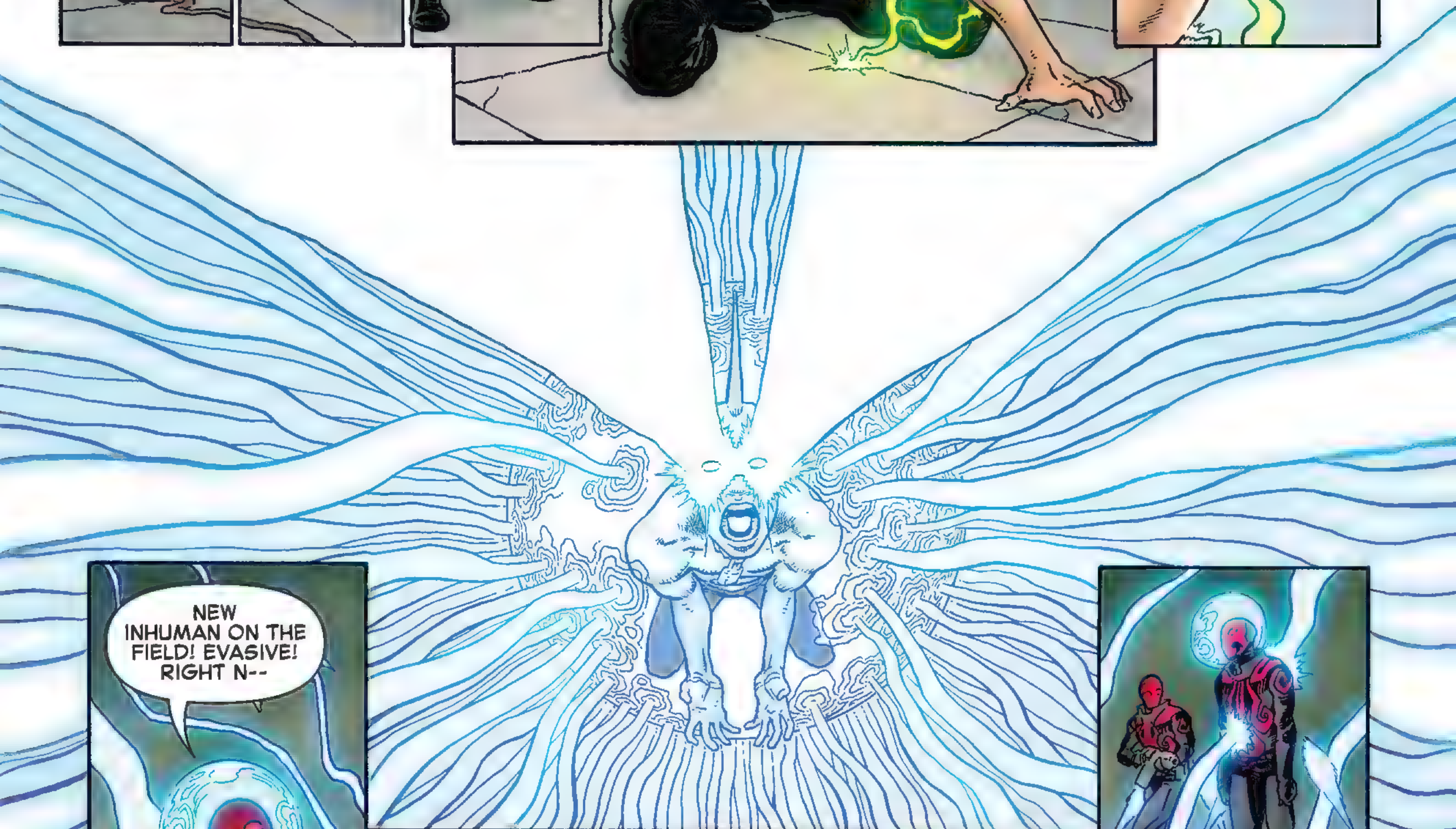


NNNGH!













W-WHAT  
HAPPENED? ARE  
THEY DEAD?

NO.  
ENTRANCED,  
SOMEHOW.

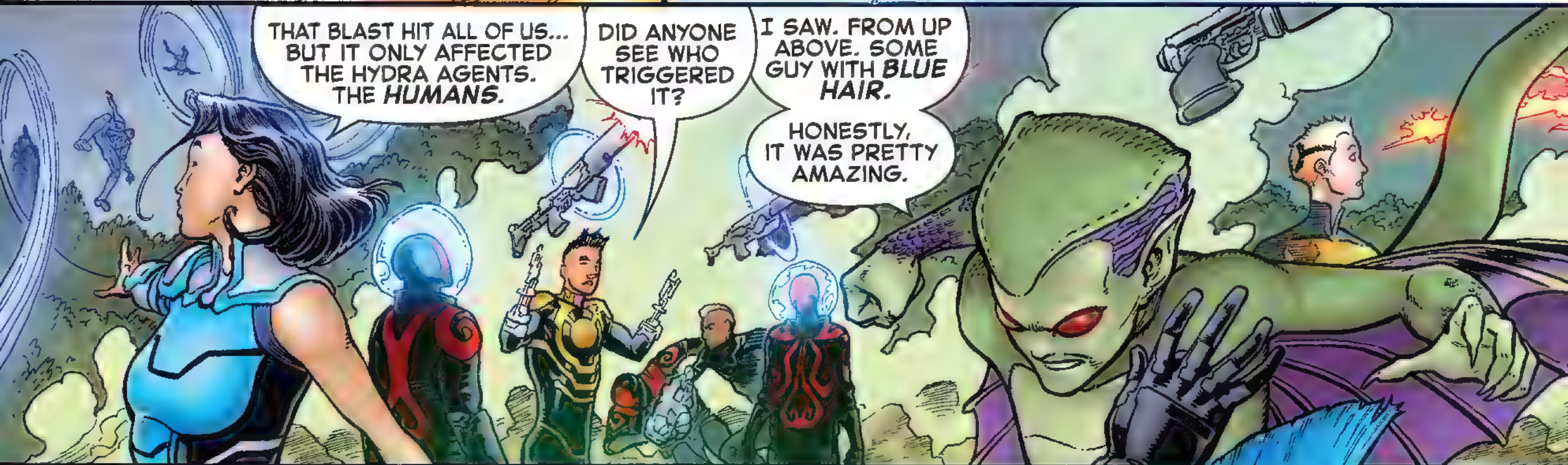
NOT  
ALL OF  
THEM.



I GAVE  
THEM A  
CHANCE TO  
LEAVE. THEY  
CHOSE TO  
FIGHT.



THEIR  
MISTAKE.



THAT BLAST HIT ALL OF US...  
BUT IT ONLY AFFECTED  
THE HYDRA AGENTS.  
THE *HUMANS*.

DID ANYONE  
SEE WHO  
TRIGGERED  
IT?

I SAW. FROM UP  
ABOVE. SOME  
GUY WITH *BLUE*  
HAIR.

HONESTLY,  
IT WAS PRETTY  
AMAZING.



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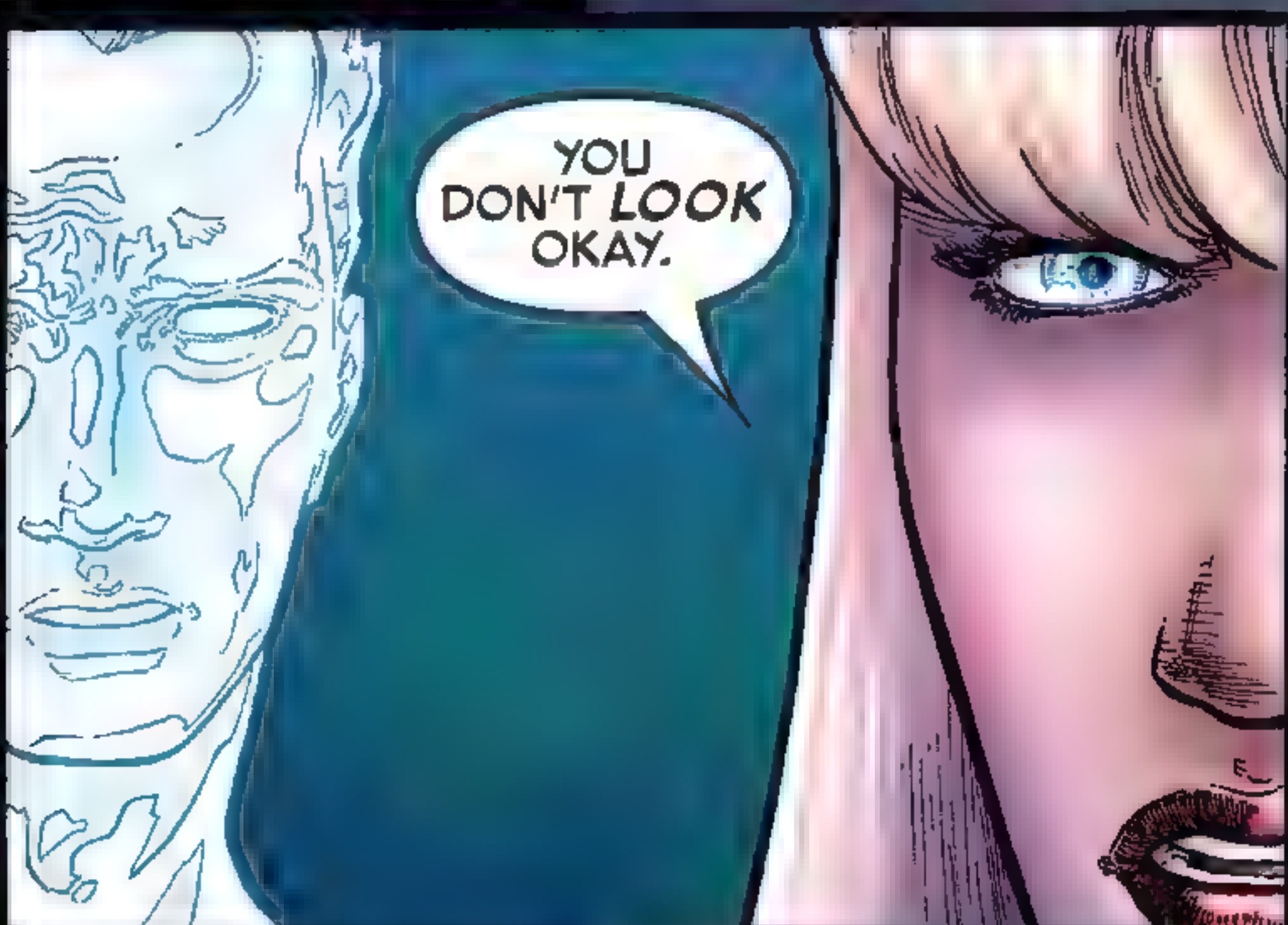


THE KIDS ARE  
BACK--WHERE'S  
SCOTT?

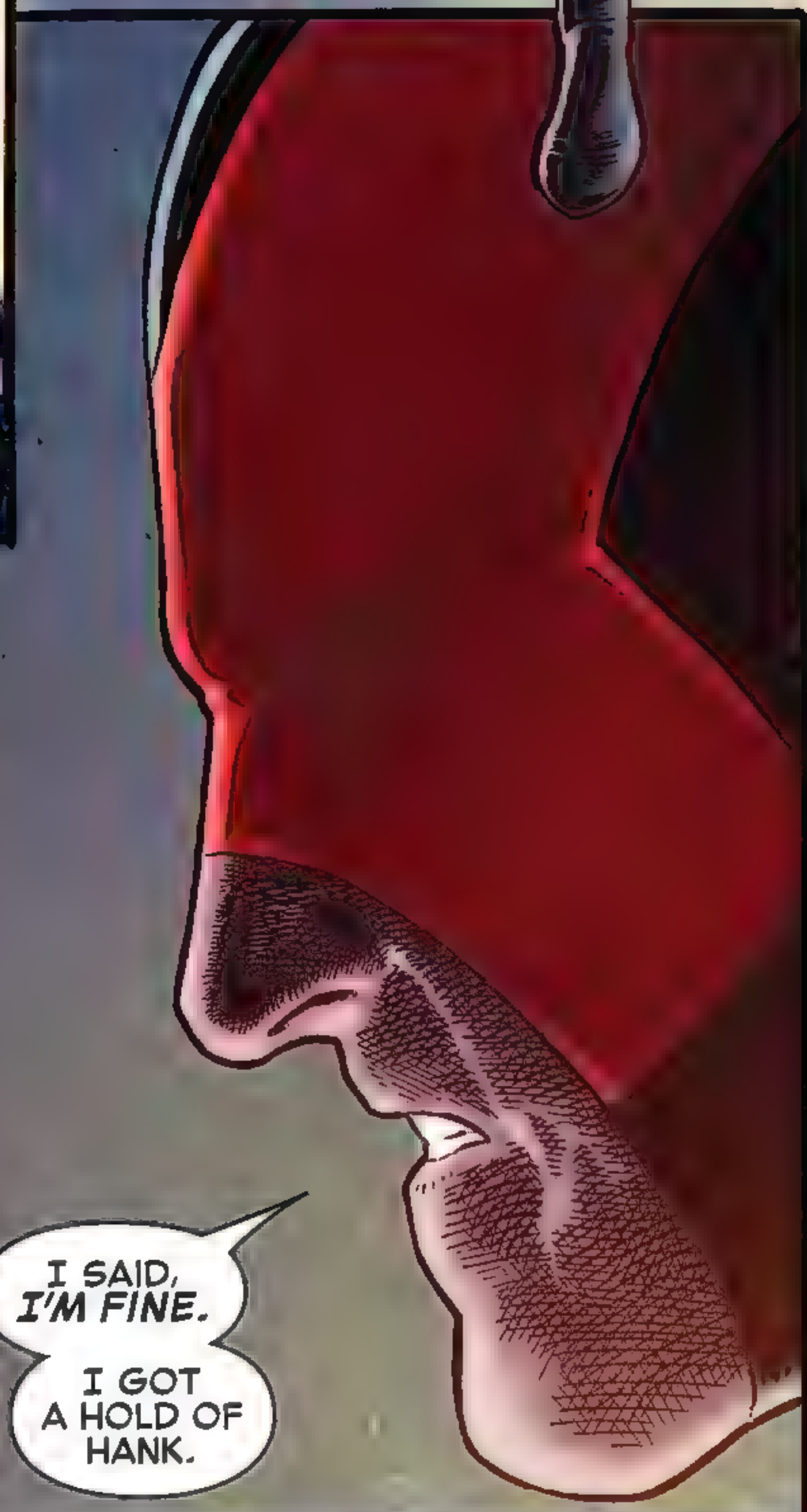
I--



I--I'M  
OKAY.




YOU  
DON'T LOOK  
OKAY.



I SAID,  
I'M FINE.  
  
I GOT  
A HOLD OF  
HANK.





HE WAS  
ABLE TO ANALYZE  
THEIR DATA. IT'S TRUE.  
THE TERRIGEN MIST *IS*  
TOXIC TO US. IT KILLED  
ALL OF THEM.

WAIT, HOLD ON,  
IF THAT'S TRUE, HOW  
COME WE AREN'T ALL  
*SICK*? WHY IS IT ONLY  
GOLDBALLS AND  
MADROX?

HANK DOESN'T  
KNOW FOR SURE YET,  
ICEMAN, BUT THE MIST  
SEEMS TO AFFECT MUTANTS  
TO VARYING DEGREES.  
BUT THAT DOESN'T  
MATTER.

"WHAT MATTERS  
NOW IS THAT **THE  
INHUMANS LIED  
TO US.**"

はじめまして、私はクリスタル

"BLAMING THEM? THEY PUT  
THEIR OWN SPECIES BEFORE  
OURS WHEN THEY RELEASED  
THE TERRIGEN CLOUDS INTO  
THE ATMOSPHERE."


WHAT ARE  
YOU SAYING,  
SCOTT? ARE YOU  
BLAMING THE  
INHUMANS FOR  
THIS?

WE CAN  
SPEAK ENGLISH.  
I AM DAISUKE.  
YOU ARE...  
INHUMANS?


YES. AND  
**SO ARE  
YOU.**

OH...THANK  
YOU. **THANK  
YOU.** I HAVE BEEN  
ALONE FOR  
SO LONG.





AS FAR AS  
I'M CONCERNED,  
THEY KILLED--  
THEY KILLED  
**EVERYONE**  
HERE.




"AND IF WE DON'T DO  
SOMETHING ABOUT IT,  
**THESE DEATHS** WILL  
ONLY BE THE  
**BEGINNING."**

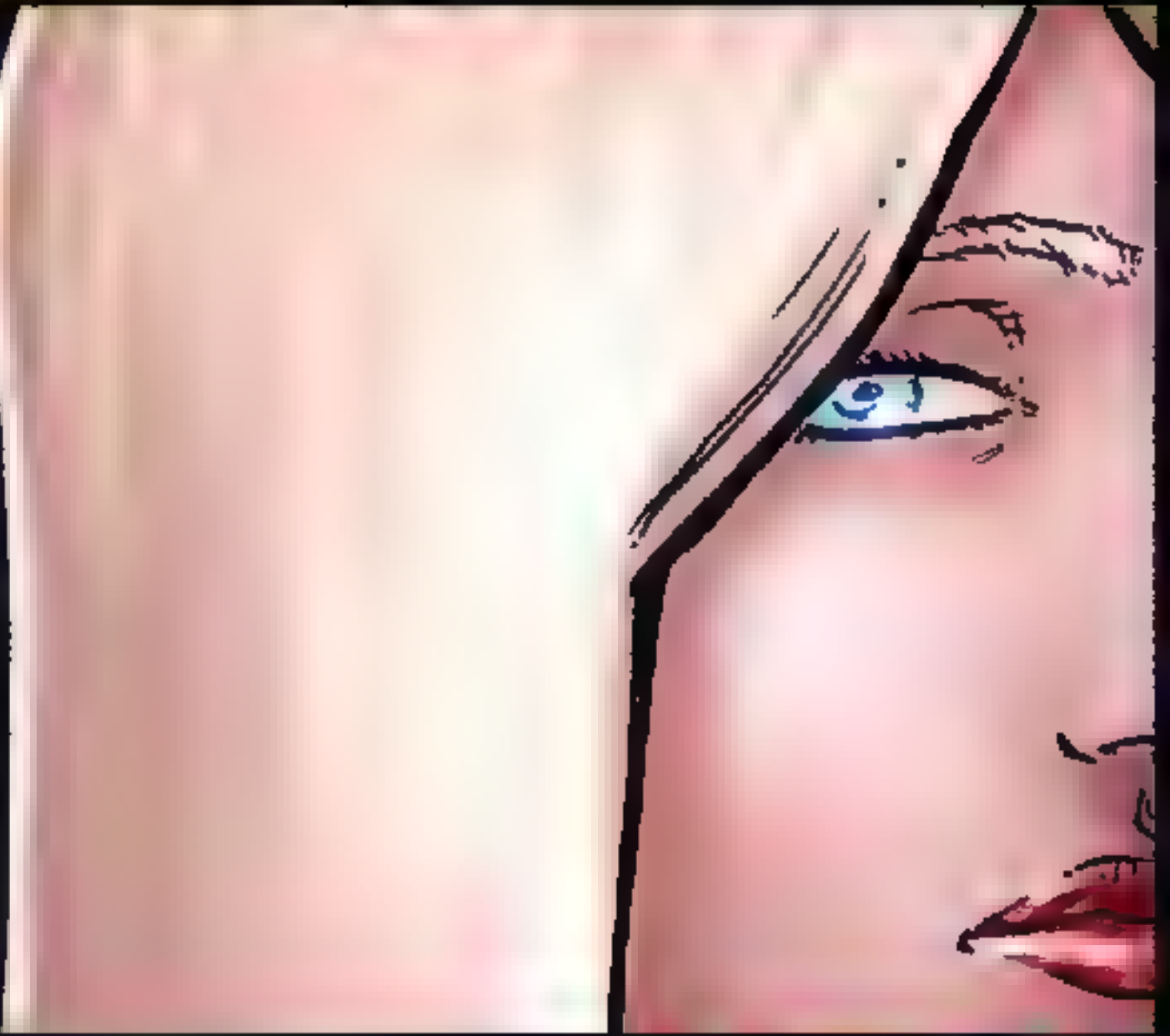
DID I...DID I REALLY DO  
THAT? PUT EVERYONE  
TO SLEEP?

YES. YOU  
SAVED OUR  
LIVES, DAISUKE.  
WE OWE YOU.

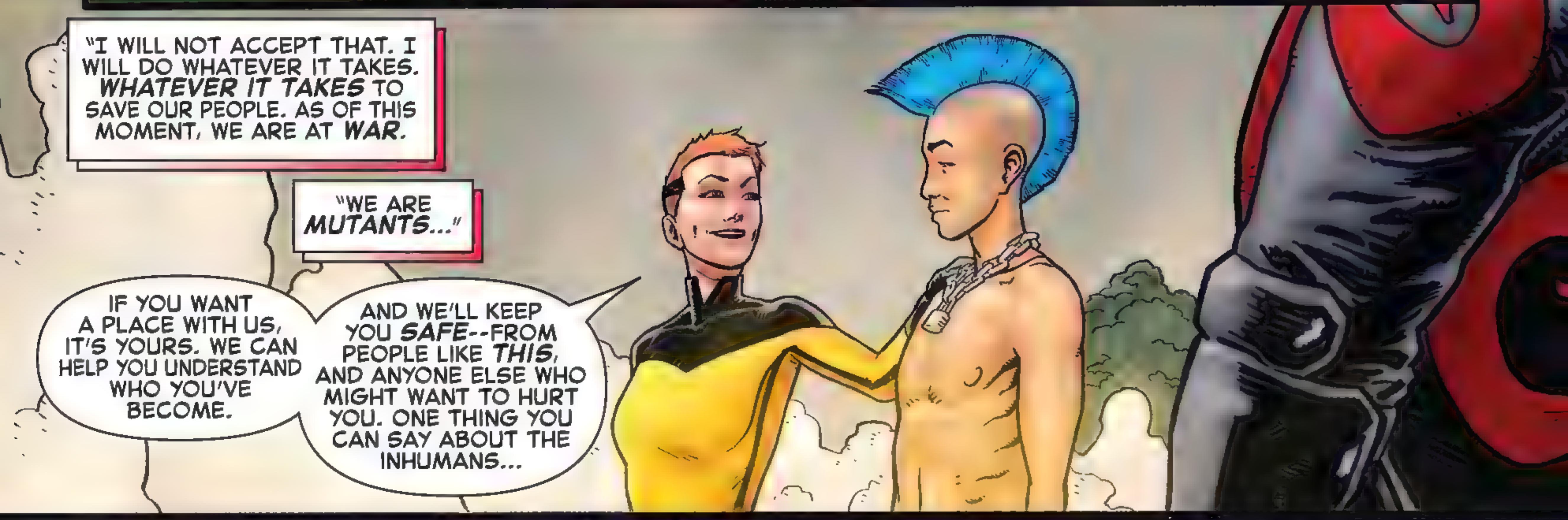
YOU  
NEVER HAVE  
TO BE ALONE  
AGAIN.



THE TERRIGEN  
IS LOOSE. IT CAN  
REACH **EVERY** MUTANT  
ON EARTH. THERE IS  
NO SAFE PLACE.



TO THE  
**INHUMANS**,  
TERRIGEN IS LIFE,  
BUT TO US...IT  
IS DEATH.



"I WILL NOT ACCEPT THAT. I  
WILL DO WHATEVER IT TAKES.  
**WHATEVER IT TAKES** TO  
SAVE OUR PEOPLE. AS OF THIS  
MOMENT, WE ARE AT WAR.

"WE ARE  
**MUTANTS...**"

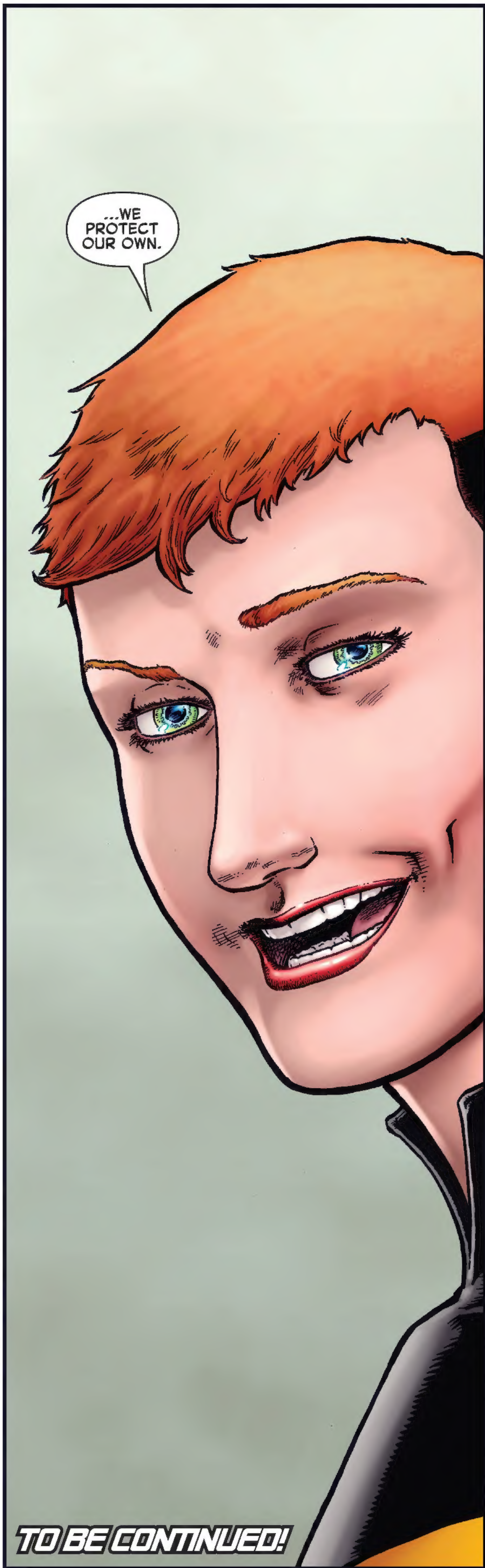
IF YOU WANT  
A PLACE WITH US,  
IT'S YOURS. WE CAN  
HELP YOU UNDERSTAND  
WHO YOU'VE  
BECOME.

AND WE'LL KEEP  
YOU **SAFE**--FROM  
PEOPLE LIKE **THIS**,  
AND ANYONE ELSE WHO  
MIGHT WANT TO HURT  
YOU. ONE THING YOU  
CAN SAY ABOUT THE  
INHUMANS...





...WE  
PROTECT  
OUR OWN.



...WE  
PROTECT  
OUR OWN.

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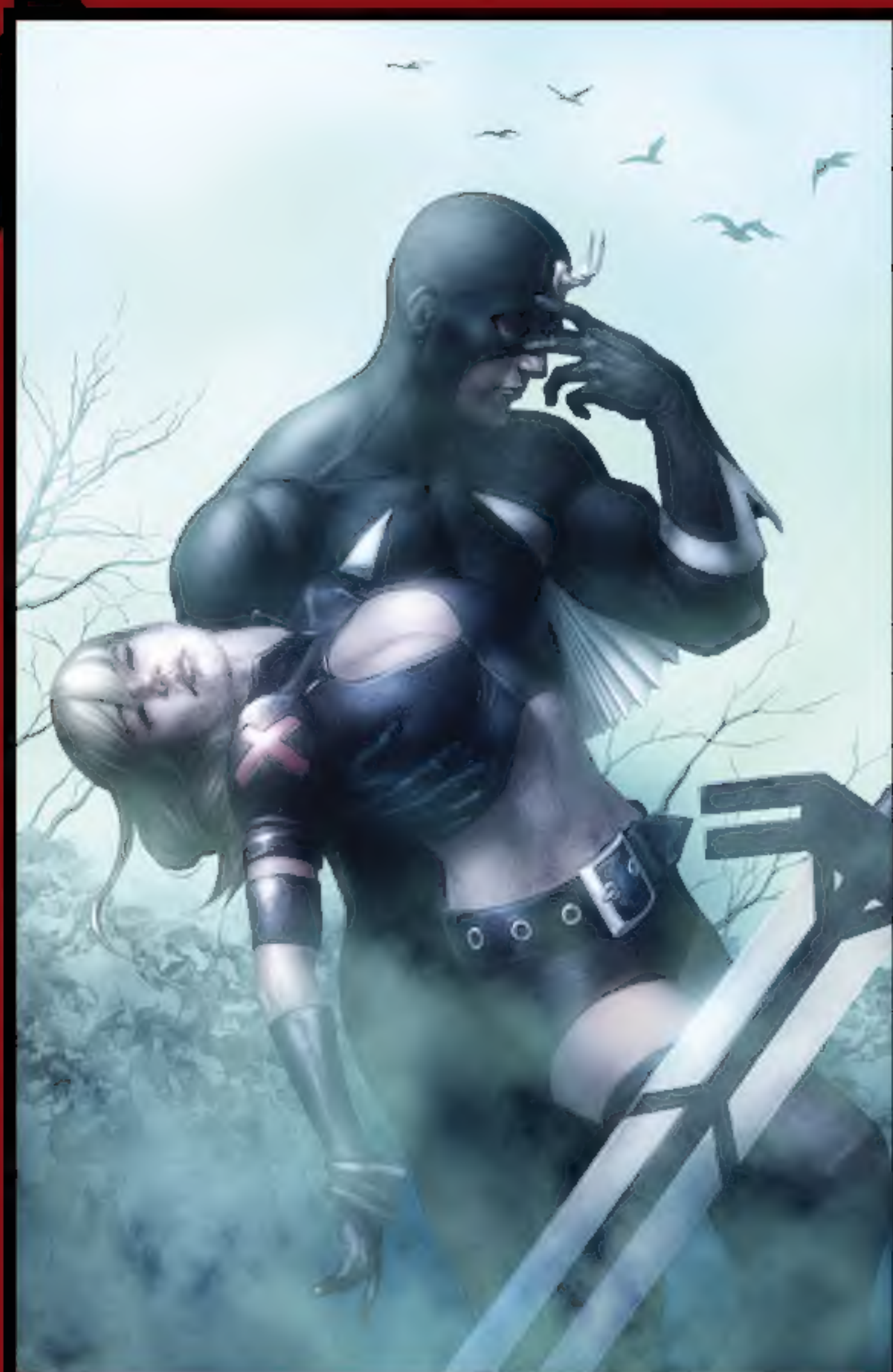
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Welcome, one and all, to a story LONG in the making!!! Over a year ago we started building this story with Charles and Jeff to fill in the 8-month gap that kicked off the All-New, All-Different launches of X-MEN and INHUMANS, and we're so glad that you all are finally reading it. Our dreams finally became real when Aaron Kuder joined this motley crew and kicked it up a notch! And if you think this is good, wait until you see the NEXT issue. This is a huge chapter of our Inhumans/X-Men story, but it's not the last one. Coming in December is INHUMANS VS. X-MEN, the culmination of DEATH OF X and the last year and a half of X-Men and Inhumans books. That's where the chips that both sides win in this story get cashed in and it's a doozy. To help you keep from missing it, check out the cover! In the meantime, we'll see you in two weeks for DEATH OF X #2!!!

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